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## Liberal split seen in Likud crisis

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most members of the Liberal Party agreed last night that their party was likely to split in the wake of the continuing crisis between them and Herut. It also seemed likely that this crisis in the Likud alliance would end in the two senior partners' going their own way.

Barring last-minute surprises, Liberal chairman Yitzhak Moda'i will today propose to his central committee that the Liberals run separately in the July 23 Knesset elections. Yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sought to bridge the rift, but his meeting with Moda'i reportedly yielded only frozen smiles.

Herut indicated that it would consider no new concessions after the Liberals' latest sudden about-turns. While Moda'i's five Liberal cabinet colleagues are expected to oppose him openly the central committee, few Liberal insiders are even willing to predict his moves or analyze his tactics.

If Moda'i persuades the majority of the central committee to leave the Likud, some ministers and Knesset members will remain in the Likud with Herut and La'am. But should the ministers — with or without Moda'i — change the central committee's mood and keep their party inside the Likud, a group headed by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor, MKs Yitzhak Ben-Zur and Dror Zeigerman and several others will seek to establish their own Liberal list outside the Likud. The three MKs in the group, who are not in the new Liberal Knesset slate, may be joined by MK Zvi Renner, who also failed to make the list. As serving MKs, they could deprive the Likud of some campaign funding and TV time if

they run on a separate ticket. Herut claims to be baffled by the situation in which all that is clear is that Moda'i does not want a Herut man to present the Likud Knesset list on his own. Herut does not know whether he has reneged on Sunday's agreement, whether he wants it amended, or whether his demands are outside the agreement.

Shamir reportedly failed to make any headway with Moda'i and knows no more of his demands or motives than he knew before the meeting. The Jerusalem Post was told, a Shamir meeting with the other Liberal negotiator Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, was no more enlightening on Moda'i's plans.

Moda'i is in a far stronger position with his central committee than all the other ministers together. The committee includes a segment which has always been uneasy with the Herut partnership and opposes the proposed merger.

Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper is in a special bind; a member of the Moda'i faction, he will endanger his powerbase if he opposes Moda'i, but he disagrees with his recent moves.

Herut policy is not to reply to any Liberal query or demand until after the Liberal central committee. Should the Liberals decide to go it alone, Herut will ask certain Liberal ministers and MKs to join the Likud, with Herut at the head.

To meet Moda'i's objections, Herut has reportedly suggested that MK Ronni Milo be accompanied by Nissim when he presents the Likud slate. But Moda'i says this is not enough to ensure that Milo does not erase a Liberal name at the last moment. Moda'i wants his own faction's Raphael Hatzvi, and not Nissim, to watch Milo.

Herut says the charges against



Miriam Levinger (left), wife of detained Rabbi Moshe Levinger, yesterday signs a petition outside the Jerusalem courthouse where her husband was ordered held for another 48 hours on suspicion of being linked to a Jewish terrorist underground. The petition seeks to include Rabbi Levinger and other suspects on a Knesset list, so they would gain parliamentary immunity if elected.

## Levinger remanded for 2 more days

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rabbi Moshe Levinger last night was remanded into custody for an additional 48 hours, while barely 100 metres away his supporters held a demonstration in memory of six Jews killed in a terrorist attack in Hebron in 1980.

Incendiary speeches by several prominent residents of Jewish settlements in the administered areas and right-wing politicians set the tone of the rally, which was held in the parking lot of the Russian Com-

pound, where Levinger's court hearing took place. About 300 people, mostly from the settlements, took part.

Meanwhile, prosecutors were working overtime at the Justice Ministry a few blocks away in East Jerusalem, preparing indictments against suspected members of an alleged Jewish terrorist underground believed to be responsible for attacks against Muslim individuals and institutions. Ministry sources said the presentation of charge sheets in the Jerusalem Dis-

trict Court is imminent, and a senior source promised that by Friday at least some of the indictments would be handed down.

"We have to tear out the eyes and the guts of the Arabs," Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidon told the rally, basking in the attention of the local and foreign press.

Placards called for revenge. "Blood for blood," and declared to the suspects inside the compound's holding cells. "The people are with you, the politicians against you."

Levinger's wife, Miriam, cried hands trembling with emotion, her face lit up by a loudspeaker microphone. "What is this hypocrisy? What is this conspiracy of silence? We always have to think about being moral! I've never heard anybody, any politician, Jew or Arab, say the Arabs must be moral."

The mother of Esther Ohana, killed by a rock thrown in the Hebron Hills in 1982, wept throughout her speech. "Why can only the Arabs kill, why can't we? What kind of country is this?"

Dr. Yisrael Eldad, the prominent right-wing columnist, recalled how he had been held in a British cell "100 metres from here," 40 years ago. "We're seeing something outrageous," said Eldad. "Jewish soldiers put on trial for doing what they are supposed to do."

"I could arrest some of these people for incitement," quipped a senior police officer standing just beyond the rally, watching his subordinates

## U.S. moving to protect Gulf tankers

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Reagan has told King Fahd of Saudi Arabia that the U.S. will consider military action if necessary to protect oil tankers in the Gulf, administration officials said yesterday.

At the same time, the Saudis and Kuwaitis were reported to have agreed on a joint air-defence plan.

U.S. officials said Reagan indicated in a letter sent to Fahd that the U.S. would have to be granted rights to operate from Saudi air bases if escalation of the Iran-Iraq war made U.S. action necessary, the officials said.

The letter was delivered to Saudi Arabia yesterday by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, who flew there for talks with Saudi officials, according to U.S. officials. Reagan was to give a news conference at 8 p.m. last night (3 a.m. Israel time).

Fahd's response was not immediately known.

Arab diplomatic sources in Bahrain said neither Saudi Arabia nor any other Gulf country was prepared to ask for American help against Iran, for fear of further air attacks.

"To seek Western help against Iran will be a last resort," said one Arab diplomat, who asked not to be identified.

Earlier in the day, Fahd declared he was mobilizing his military potential for the defence of the kingdom against the eventuality of further Iranian air attacks.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have

been coordinating air reconnaissance flights over their territorial waters, while the United Arab Emirates was winding up 48 hours of naval maneuvers in its waters.

The joint air sorties apparently were part of an accord reportedly devised by the foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in Riyadh last Thursday, when they discussed collective action against Iranian threats.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have agreed on the "principle of providing joint air cover for their oil tankers in the Gulf against Iranian attacks," a ranking Arab diplomat in Baghdad said yesterday.

Saudi Arabia has withheld its U.S.-built air force from protecting oil tankers against Iranian attack because it fears confrontation with Iran might spark a fundamentalist Muslim upsurge inside Saudi Arabia. (Continued on back page)

## Syria sending envoys

DAMASCUS (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad last night decided to send two top officials to Teheran to try to halt Iranian threats and attacks on Arab shipping in the Gulf and end the war between Iran and Iraq.

The envoys are Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Faruk al-Sharaa. Arab diplomatic sources who disclosed the move said it was at the request of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, who dispatched an envoy to Damascus earlier in the day.

## Genscher: Chernenko gave no sign about arms talks

MOSCOW (AP) — German Federal Republic Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher met yesterday with Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko and said he received no sign Moscow would consider his plea for an immediate resumption of arms control talks.

The official Soviet News Agency, Tass, giving an account of Genscher's meeting with Chernenko, said bluntly that Western calls to resume arms talks while Pershing 2 and cruise missiles are being installed in Western Europe "cannot be regarded as serious."

At a new conference following his meetings with Chernenko and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Genscher made clear he heard nothing during his two-day visit that might improve what he called a "very serious international situation."

Genscher said at the news conference he had broached the case of Andrei Sakharov and his wife, Yelena Bonner, asking that they be permitted to see the doctor of their choice in the place of their choice and to accept invitations to go abroad.

## Herut proposes Weizman join Likud as faction

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — According to reports emanating from sources close to Ezer Weizman, Herut MKs have proposed that he and his list join the Likud as an independent faction.

The reports were not confirmed by Herut sources, and some denied them outright.

According to the version circulated by the Weizman sources, he was contacted by top Herut Knesset members. The sources contend that these MKs are not likely to have acted on their own. They reportedly proposed that Weizman's new party

replace the Liberals as a Likud faction. He was promised from six to eight safe Knesset slots, which are more than the polls are predicting for the Weizman list in the elections.

According to the story from Weizman's sources, he flatly declined the offer, declaring he was concerned with principles, not Knesset seats.

Some Weizman sources say the whole story is part of an attempt to pressure the Liberals back into line. But a senior Herut minister told The Jerusalem Post the story is "a cheap publicity stunt by the Weizman people to grab the headlines and benefit from the Likud's troubles."

## Eban said Labour candidate for deputy prime minister

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sources close to former foreign minister Abba Eban said yesterday that he has been asked to "study" a proposal to serve

as deputy prime minister with "clearly-defined responsibility" in the international field.

Eban, it is said, has not yet reacted to the proposal. His position is that all such matters, including who should be foreign minister, should be deferred till after election day.

The Jerusalem Post reported yesterday that Labour party chairman Shimon Peres had promised former president Yitzhak Navon the foreign affairs portfolio. But this was not being officially made public, to prevent tension in the party. The Post also reported that one of the compensatory offers considered for Eban is an appointment as minister in charge of peace negotiations.

The offer to make Eban deputy premier does not mean that he would be the sole deputy to a Labour premier, if the Alignment wins the elections.

Navon, too, would hold that title, in addition to the foreign affairs portfolio. He would probably be the first deputy to a Labour premier for the prime minister in the latter's absence, The Post learned.

## U.S. helps Israel create new links with Sri Lanka

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has agreed that Israel formally open a diplomatic "interest section" at the U.S. embassy in Sri Lanka, the State Department confirmed yesterday. After extensive discussions, Israel and Sri Lanka agreed to restore diplomatic relations at the "interest-section" level, it was reported in Washington.

However, diplomatic observers in Jerusalem last night described as "incorrect and premature" reports that Israel and Sri Lanka are on the verge of re-establishing relations.

Sri Lanka broke its ties with Israel

after the 1967 Six-Day War. According to the State Department, both Israel and Sri Lanka asked that the proposed Israeli diplomatic mission in Colombo be attached to the U.S. Embassy there.

This will be the first time an Israeli interest section will be associated with an American embassy. In Africa and elsewhere around the world, Israel has generally used West European missions to provide this protective diplomatic service.

U.S. officials said yesterday that Israel had never before requested such American diplomatic assistance.

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## Egypt denies violating peace agreement

CAIRO (AP) — The size of Egyptian military forces in Sinai is smaller than that stipulated in the 1979 peace treaty with Israel, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman, who declined use of his name, said this was Cairo's reply to an "Israeli media campaign recently about Egyptian military dispositions" in Sinai.

A military annex to the treaty provides that Egypt can station no more than 22,000 troops in the western part of the desert peninsula. The eastern part was demilitarized under

the treaty. "The size of the (Egyptian) force stationed east of the Suez Canal is much smaller than that stipulated in the peace treaty," the spokesman told reporters. He gave no figure.

"Egypt is strictly abiding by the provisions of the treaty's military annex," he said.

He said the multinational peacekeeping force monitoring implementation of the treaty "has never made any observations" about the Egyptian military infrastructure in Sinai.

## FIBI control offered to NY group

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Leon Charney, the Wall Street lawyer and financier, confirmed that his investor group has been offered the controlling interest in the FIBI bankholding group, parent company of the First International Bank.

In a telephone interview with The Jerusalem Post yesterday, Charney said that if the deal — estimated to involve \$40m. — goes through, he will seek to expand the bank's activities overseas, and to introduce improvements in services and bank-customer relations modelled on the pattern of foreign banks.

"I think this would be good for the Israeli people and I hope it will be good for us. Banking is one of the sectors of the Israeli economy where a new approach is most needed," said Charney.

The ownership structure of the First International Bank is complex, with voting rights by no means synonymous with equity holdings. As in so many Israeli companies, the existence of different classes of shares distorts the picture. FIBI Holdings Ltd. now holds 51.6 per cent of the total equity of the First International, but has 80 per cent of the voting rights. After the completion of a share swap between FIBI and Israeli Discount Bank late last year, Discount received 28.3 per cent of the equity and 11.8 per cent of the voting rights in the First International Bank.

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Golan	16	14-24	33
Nahariya	—	—	—
Safed	20	14-31	32
Haifa Port	78	18-24	26
Thiberias	29	18-35	25
Nazareth	28	16-33	33
Afula	40	16-34	34
Shomron	22	14-33	34
Tel Aviv	57	17-26	27
B-G Airport	42	21-31	32
Jericho	19	—	30
Gaza	64	16-26	27
BeerSheva	31	14-35	36
Eilat	4	23-40	41

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Knesset yesterday marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of Tel Aviv with a special session of 25 minutes held before its regular session. Tributes to the city and reminiscences were expressed by Speaker Menahem Bevan, Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor and Alignment MK Dov Ben-Meir, and Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron.

Avraham Altsberg, state archivist, will speak on "Israel's History as Kept in the State Archive," at the weekly Jerusalem Rotary Club meeting today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA.

Prof. L.D. Barron of the University of Glasgow yesterday gave the 13th Annual Gerhard Schmidt Memorial Lecture in the Schmidt Auditorium at the Weizmann Institute of Science. He spoke on Stereochemistry in a New Light.

The presidium of the World Zionist Organization gave a luncheon this week in honour of Ruth Izakson, former chairwoman of World WIZO, and Haim Goldberger of Tel Aviv, both of whom recently completed their terms of service on the presidium.

Dr. Zvi Strauss of Haifa's Rambam Hospital will speak on "Fertility Problems" at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting at the Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

## ARRIVALS

Mrs. Raia Savidor returned from New York yesterday evening where she was guest of the WZO at a celebration to mark Israel's 36th anniversary.

Mr. F. Th. Roeters van Lennep from Holland, for the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, and Mr. Jacob Schreiber and Mrs. Shoshana Schreiber from England, for the board meeting and the awarding of the Jacob and Shoshana Schreiber Doctoral Fellowship.

Ann Robinson, Elly Marvia, Marilyn Flanzbaum, Lois Grass, national leaders, Council of Jewish Women U.S.A., for board meetings of the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University School of Education.

**VEHICLES.** — The Haifa municipality has renewed its policy of towing away abandoned vehicles obstructing traffic. Twenty-four vehicles have been removed from the city's streets in the past few days.

Welcome to Israel  
Mr. and Mrs. David Albert  
of Los Angeles

Dave and his brother, Herb (of Tijuana Brass fame) helped establish in Jerusalem the Louis and Tillie Albert Family Music Centre, now the home of the Jerusalem Youth Orchestra.  
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on the occasion of their marriage and to their families on three continents, from Los Angeles, U.S., Johannesburg, South Africa, and Israel.  
The parents, Jerome and Maureen (Green) Feldman, Los Angeles, Hyman and Kaikie Josman of Johannesburg, now of Herzliya. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin B. Green (Mr. Green is a prominent L.A. Attorney) and sons, Bruce and Jeff, hotel executives, Maxine Gurvey of Winnipeg, and the staff of Zions Tours, Jerusalem.  
Hearty mazal tov to Grandma Gertrude Feldman, Beverly Hills, who at the age of 5 survived the sinking of the Titanic.

From the Capt. Yehiel and Ruth Glosky Langer Hospitality Foundation, One Mapu Street, Jerusalem.

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## HOME NEWS

## House panel drops plan for pensions to under-40 MKs

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter  
Knesset members who are under 40 and are not re-elected in July will not be eligible for pensions after all.  
The House Committee yesterday annulled its resolution of April 4, giving pensions to members who would have reached their 40th birthday by November 1985, when the Tenth Knesset was scheduled to complete its term. The argument was that they should not lose their pension because of the early elections.

Committee chairman Eitan Livni, who opposed the resolution, refrained from transmitting it for publication in *Reshumot*, the official gazette.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* last week that the bill was the result of a conspiracy between Alignment faction chairman Moshe Shahal and

Law Committee chairman Eliezer Kulas to ensure Kulas a pension in the event that he is not elected to the Eleventh Knesset.  
The resolution would also have applied to David Magen (Likud-Herut) and Ehud Olmert (Likud-La'am). But even before the internal elections in Herut and the Liberal Party, it was known that Kulas's prospects of being re-elected were the shakiest, and that the resolution was designed for him.

Yesterday morning, Kol Yisrael radio reported that at Magen's request, Livni intended to ask the committee yesterday to revoke the resolution. The radio further reported that Kulas had urged Livni to forward the resolution to the Justice Ministry for gazetting.

When the committee met, however, Kulas himself spoke in favour of rescinding the resolution, and this was done unanimously.

## Blum lashes UN for Ein Hilwe debate

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — During Monday's debate on the recent violence at the Ein Hilwe refugee camp in South Lebanon, Israel Ambassador Yehuda Blum chided the Security Council for discussing the matter while ignoring the Iran-Iraq war, which he said had cost 600,000 casualties.

Blum described the proceeding as a "farce" designed by Israel's Arab foes to "cover up their own internal tensions."

Kuwaiti Ambassador Muhammad Abulhasan, who had requested the council meeting in his capacity as chairman of the 21-member UN Arab group, described Israeli's weapons search in Ein Hilwe as "a further horrific crime" against Palestinians.

He maintained that more than 1,500 Israeli troops raided the camp, demolished 30 houses and caused

"dozens of victims among the Palestinians who were killed wounded or arrested."  
Zehdi Labib Terzi, PLO UN observer, drew a parallel between the Israeli action at the refugee camp and the clearing of the Warsaw Ghetto 41 years earlier by Nazi SS troops.

Blum said only two Palestinians were killed during demonstrations that followed the Israeli sweep, and that Palestinian factions used the disorders for "attempts to settle accounts between themselves." The sweep, he said, netted a large supply of weapons and explosives, including 40 handgrenades, anti-tank grenades and launchers, anti-vehicle mines and stores of submachine guns and rifles.

No resolution was introduced, and the council adjourned after three hours of debate until 3:30 p.m. today.

## LEVINGER

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direct the creeping traffic while drivers peeked at the crowd.

He pointed out the juxtaposition of two placards. One listed the names of those killed in Hebron. The other listed the names of Knesset Members Yossi Sarid and Shulamit Aloni and attorney Felicia Langer. The poster said, "What do you have to say to the families with dead children? Moshe Levinger has the answer." The officer made no arrests.

Levinger is suspected of having advance knowledge, which he did not report, of the terror attack on the Islamic University of Hebron last summer in which three Arab students were murdered. His son-in-law is suspected of driving the getaway car in that attack. Levinger is also reportedly suspected of incitement.

Kach spokesman Yossi Dayan told the rally the suspected Jewish anti-Arab terror network's "only crime, was that they didn't ask me to join." He added, "Let's be frank, those boys did what they did for our security, and they are blessed."

Across the parking lot, past a row of policemen left with nothing to do but direct traffic and keep a crowd of some 50 foreign and local journalists from blocking cars trying to pass through, Levinger's case was being heard by Jerusalem Magistrates Court President Judge Aharon Simha, who last week remanded Levinger for eight days.

For nearly three hours, as the demonstrators hoped aloud that Levinger would be allowed to make a speech, as he has done every year on the anniversary of the 1980 killings, Simha and Levinger's lawyers, flanked by General Security Service agents and police officers, debated the remand request.

Just as the demonstration was breaking up, Levinger could be seen through the open porch window of

police headquarters, accompanied by his attorney, Eliakim Ha'etzi, leaving the office. He glanced out at the rally, which was at that point singing the national anthem, and then stepped into the dark hallway, beyond the view of those standing outside the building.

The demonstrators were joined by yeshiva students from the controversial Birkat Abraham Yeshiva in the Moslem Quarter of the Old City. Their patron, Avraham Duek, accompanied them to the rally, which is traditionally held in Hebron, across the street from Beit Hadassah. Duek said any trial of the network would be "a kangaroo court."

The Kiryat Arba and Hebron demonstrators were mostly people who either support the actions of the suspected underground or believe, as was said by Eldad, that "There cannot be the same law and judgment for those who hate Israel and those who love it." They broke into applause over and over again as the speakers condemned the arrest of the alleged underground and praised its intentions.

When Miriam Levinger condemned Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, "under whom, as defence minister, the settlements were established," she earned shouts of approval.

And when Esther Ohana's mother, her thick Moroccan accent in sharp contrast to the American and Ashkenazi accents heard throughout the crowd, cried out "Death to the Arabs," the crowd vigorously approved.

A spokesman for Rabbi Moshe Tendler, a Talmud professor at Yeshiva University, and a medical researcher, earned applause when reading a telegram from the rabbi. He quoted from the Talmud, "He who rises up to slay you, rise up earlier to slay him."

## ISRAEL-SRI LANKA

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According to U.S. and Israeli officials in Washington, Israel will dispatch its diplomats to Sri Lanka in the very near future. They will not physically be at the U.S. Embassy, but will lease office space elsewhere in the capital.

First word of the breakthrough in Israeli-Sri Lankan ties came yesterday in a report published in the Colombo *Sun*, a daily newspaper.

The two countries will not resume full diplomatic ties at this stage, the report said, although the establishment of an Israeli "interest section" certainly represents an important step forward.

The Sri Lankan newspaper report cited the need for Israeli "special

services" — presumably agricultural and technical aid — as leading to the restoration of diplomatic ties.

The State Department yesterday said Washington has been interested in helping Israel expand its diplomatic representation around the world. Indeed, this has been a major focus of the recent discussions between Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche and former under-secretary of state for political affairs Lawrence Eagleburger.

There was no immediate word whether Sri Lanka would open an "interest section" in Israel.  
Earlier this month, Democratic Congressman Howard Berman of California cited possible Israeli assistance to Sri Lanka — among other countries in the Third World — when he proposed a bill to fund such Israeli foreign aid projects. That was the first indication that Israel and Sri Lanka were moving toward re-establishing diplomatic ties.

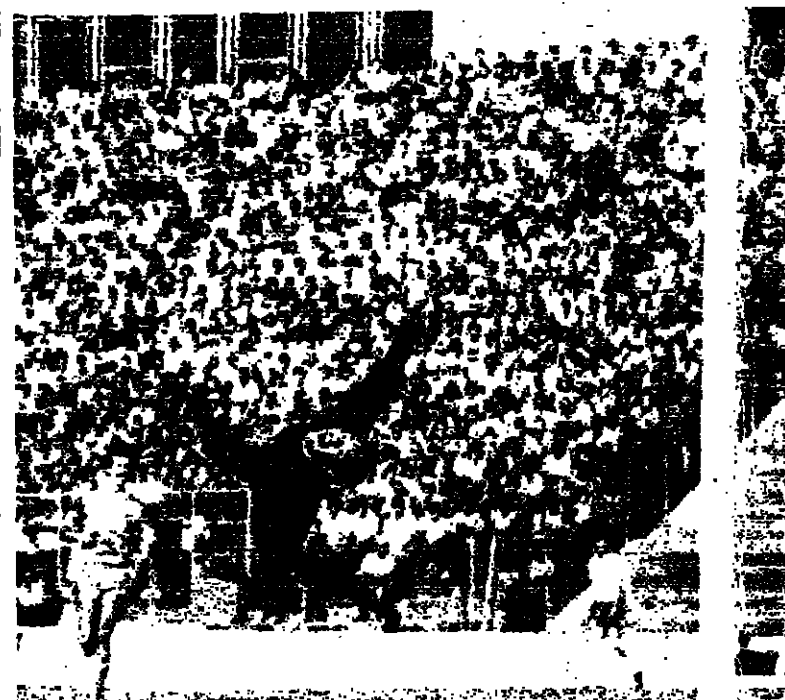
## LIBERAL

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Milo are absurd.  
The two parties have till Thursday, May 31, to submit the states of candidates.

The consensus in the Likud is that the party has been heavily damaged by this week's Liberal-Herut battle. Whether the sides patch things up or not, the Likud is seen as disintegrating and the party will suffer at the polls as a consequence.

Ariel Sharon's offer to fly back from the U.S. to do his bit to heal the breach is said to have been coolly received by all sides.



Liverpool goalie Bruce Grobbelaar leaps in a vain effort to stop Rifat Turk's drive which scored Israel's only goal against the English champions yesterday. Liverpool easily won by 4-1. Story on Page 4. (Elizur Reubeni)

## 'Inflation our most pressing problem'

Jerusalem Post Staff  
The most difficult and urgent problem Israel faces today is the rate of inflation. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the Jerusalem Economic Conference yesterday. "We shall concentrate our efforts on solving this top priority problem" if the Likud is re-elected, he said.

Shamir was introduced by Sam Rothberg, the American-Jewish businessman and veteran leading supporter of Israeli causes.

Shamir stressed there would be no widespread unemployment in this country. "Economists say that a high rate of inflation such as ours can be fought only by radical and painful

measures. This is the term used for unemployment," he said.  
Concerning Israel's standard of living, Shamir said its rise has been fast and systematic, as has the quality of life of the individual at every level of society and in every ethnic group. This improvement is most dramatic among urban and rural Arabs in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District where the conditions before and since 1967 are compared, he said.

Earlier in the day, conference participants visited the Isratex 84 exhibition at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. The exhibition closes tomorrow evening.

## U.S. firm buys into Beit Shemesh plant

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

Following months of negotiations with the Defence Ministry, the U.S. aircraft-engine manufacturer Pratt and Whitney agreed yesterday to buy a share of Beit Shemesh Engines.

A spokesman for the ministry told *The Jerusalem Post* that Pratt and Whitney will be a partner with the government in Beit Shemesh Engines. He declined to specify how much of the Israeli engine plant the U.S. firm will own.  
He added that a third partner may yet come into the venture.  
The spokesman pointed out that

Pratt and Whitney manufactures the engine slated for the Lavi jet-fighter, and this means that it will be produced in Israel.

The deal must be approved by the board of Pratt and Whitney and by the Ministerial Economic Committee.

In recent years Beit Shemesh engines has been in serious financial trouble. The government injected funds into it, but at the same time scouted for potential investors.  
The spokesman said that the Pratt and Whitney deal is part of a larger effort to involve more U.S. technology in the construction of the Lavi.

## Gun battles erupt anew on Beirut's 'green line'

BEIRUT (AP). — Gun battles erupted anew along confrontation lines in Beirut and its southern suburbs yesterday evening, ending a four-day lull in Lebanon's civil war.

The fighting came on the eve of a cabinet session which officials said would be devoted to new measures that could stabilize a cease-fire in Lebanon.

## Damascus leaves 'Jerusalem Committee'

DAMASCUS (AP). — Syria announced Monday it is withdrawing from the "Jerusalem Committee" of the Islamic Nations Conference "as long as King Hassan II (of Morocco) is chairman."

An announcement reported by Sana, the official Syrian news agency, said the decision to suspend Syria's membership followed last week's international Jewish congress

in Morocco with the participation of an Israeli delegation.

The announcement said this "constitutes a flagrant violation of the charter and principles of the (Islamic) conference, and of the objectives for which the Jerusalem Committee was formed."

The Islamic Conference and its Jerusalem Committee are dedicated to the "liberation" of Jerusalem.

## Partial closure of Haifa hospital averted

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — A partial closure of the 400-bed Rothschild Hospital has been averted, hospital director Dr. Dov Golan told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The contractor for building the hospital's west wing agreed yesterday to connect a generator in the basement of the new building, he said.

The Health Ministry intervened after doctors warned they could no longer be responsible for the welfare

and safety of patients.  
Golan had earlier informed the ministry that he would close down all emergency services because of the danger to patients' lives if power failed.

"I'm optimistic now that a way will be found to complete the whole of the west wing in the near future," he said.

The contractor stopped work after the Health Ministry refused to allocate \$1.7 million this year to pay for equipment and materials already ordered.

## Hussein wants Soviets involved in peace talks

PARIS (AP). — No peaceful solution in the Middle East is possible "without Soviet participation," King Hussein of Jordan told a French newspaper yesterday.

In an article published by the Paris daily *Le Figaro*, the Jordanian monarch said the Soviets should be allowed to participate in negotiations between Arab states and Israel.

## Bosses plead credit crunch to keep late pay deadline

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

While the Histadrut argued that employees have no obligation to solve their bosses' credit problems, employers yesterday told Knesset Members that they were adamant in opposing legislation that would make them pay their workers no later than the eighth of every month.

Under the Wage Protection Law of the 1960's employers may defer paying wages for the previous month's employment to the 15th of the following month.

The Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee yesterday discussed an amendment to that law, proposed by Alignment-Labour MK Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino, to advance the payment deadline to the eighth of the month. But spokesmen for the employers said they face a credit crunch and in any case most employers will give workers an advance near the beginning of the month.

Arbeli-Almosino pleaded that inflation robs workers. She was backed by a Histadrut representative.  
Opposing the amendment, a Treasury spokesman said advancing payment would not cure inflationary erosion wages. "What is more, putting money into workers' pockets a week earlier will only stimulate purchases and increase private consumption," the Treasury spokesman said.

The committee will vote later on the amendment.

## Shamir heals La'am breach

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Shamir last night healed the breach in Herut's small La'am faction, ruling that Health Minister Eliezer Shostak will head the La'am list. However, if the Likud forms the next government, Knesset Member Ehud Olmert will represent the faction in the cabinet.

Olmert and Shostak had agreed that Shamir should arbitrate their dispute over their faction leadership and Shostak announced that he would not seek ministerial office again.  
Shostak is followed on the La'am list by Olmert, and then by MKs Yigal Cohen and Avraham Hishkenzon.

## Geula Cohen warns Jordan not to gamble with Bashan

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "We are ready to negotiate with (Jordan's King) Hussein on the basis of peace for peace. But during that same discussion we'll tell him that if he attacks us and our army gets to Gilead and Bashan while repelling the attack, we will not be there as a foreign power," MK Geula Cohen said at a press conference here yesterday.

Gilead and Bashan, in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, are part of historical Eretz Yisrael. Cohen was speaking on behalf of the Tebiya-Tzomet party. She is ranked third on the group's Knesset slate.

Former chief of staff Raphael Eitan, number two on the list, said an economic state of emergency should have been declared four years ago and the need for one has become more pressing ever since. The government should set an example by cutting down the number of ministers, eliminating duplication and cutting government expenditures which are not essential, he said. Settlement and education are among the things that cannot be cut, he said, because they are national goals.

Yuvael Ne'eman, number one on the list, said the fight for Israel's sovereignty and settlement in Samaria, Judea and the Gaza District will be the joint list's first priority in the coming Knesset.

In answer to a question about Lebanon, Eitan said the cheapest and best way to insure Israel's security is to control important roads in Southern Lebanon.

"Nobody figured out how much it cost when we were at the Suez Canal," he said. "And nobody stops to think how much it would cost to resettle refugees from Kiryat Shalom in Netanya. It isn't only the safety of settlements on our northern border that has to concern us. What about weapons that can reach the refineries if we aren't in control of the roads in Lebanon from which such weapons can be launched?"

Asked if this means Israel will be in Lebanon forever, he said Israel will have to stay until it is sure it is safe to leave. As long as the Syrians are there, he said, we cannot be sure.

## Panel confirms decision on campaign spending

Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday confirmed its decision of May 9 to bring campaign expenditure by organizations affiliated to political parties under the purview of the State Comptroller.  
Last week the committee suspended its original decision, pending a clarification by State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik.  
The point in dispute was that Tunik had requested the committee

to put all such spending under its control. The committee did so effective May 9.  
Tunik did not give the committee the assurance it sought that he would not look into campaign expenditure by the party affiliates before that date. But the Alignment softened its stand, and yesterday the committee re-affirmed its original resolution.

In short, according to committee sources, formally the May 9 date stands, but in effect Tunik will act as though it does not.

## Technion students favour Labour Party

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — An opinion poll among students at the Technion here has predicted a landslide win for the Labour Party in the forthcoming Knesset elections.

The results of the survey, which were published yesterday, showed the Alignment with 53 seats compared to only 14 for the Likud.

Tehiya got 14, Shinui 13, Citizens' Rights Movement-Shell nine, and Yahad (Ezer Weizmann's party) three. Professor Ezra Sohar's Atzma'ut party and Kach each got one mandate.

The survey, conducted by the student *Epsilon Journal* queried 286 people selected at random from all the faculties.

## Altering tax brackets called 'election ploy'

Post Knesset Reporter

Shortly before the Knesset voted for early elections, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad had said it would be impossible to adjust the income-tax brackets, Ya'ir Tsabari (Alignment-Mapam) said yesterday.

Speaking in the debate on the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry Tsabari said that Cohen-Orgad's decision this week to do just that was an election ploy. But in view of the erosion in real wages, he said, the adjustment was called for on its merits.

VISIT. — Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers and Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek will visit Kuwait on October 22-25.

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## NEWS ANALYSIS/Roy Isacowitz

## Likud, Shinui criticize new C-o-L agreement

TEL AVIV. — The cost-of-living agreement signed last week by the Histadrut and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, representing the private employers, has been criticized as being a poor replacement for the agreement that expired last March.

Both the Likud and the Shinui factions in the Histadrut have pointed to the low rate of payment specified in the new agreement as proof that it cannot protect wage earners from the ravages of inflation. The Finance Ministry, for its part, has leaked statistics intended to show that the new agreement will lead to an annual erosion of real wages of more than 15 per cent — which is in line with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad's policy.

The Histadrut, on the other hand, maintains that the agreement, supplemented by yet-to-be-negotiated wage agreements, will provide adequate compensation for wage loss due to inflation.

The truth appears to lie somewhere in between. The agreement is predicated on the need to provide faster compensation in times of high inflation, and to iron out the sharp ups and downs that have characterized recent paychecks. The agreement also has psychological value, in that workers will be compensated monthly as the inflation spirals upwards.

On the surface, the new agreement is indeed a poor substitute. Whereas the old agreement provided for compensation of 90 per cent for quarterly inflation of over 30 per cent — amounting to 10 per cent or more a month — the new agreement pays out at only 80 per cent if monthly inflation rises above 12 per cent. Calculating what would have been paid in the first quarter of this year had the new agreement been in force, and comparing

that figure to what was actually paid under the old agreement, one finds that the compensation under the new agreement lags by several per cent.

But payment under the old agreement was delayed by up to three months, whereas payment under the new system of payment is made monthly, or at the most bi-monthly. Prices rose by more than 42 per cent in the first quarter of this year, which resulted in severe erosion of the increment that was paid. That erosion would have been far less under the new system.

Therefore, keeping in mind not only the total sum of compensation paid over the quarter, but also the erosion of that compensation, the new agreement gives the better deal. In times of high inflation, monthly payment of 80 per cent of the price rises is preferable to quarterly payment of 90 per cent.

The new agreement appears to be based on the assumption that inflation will continue to run high for the next two years. If that turns out to be the case, the annual average wage erosion will be 9.8 per cent, according to Histadrut calculations. The erosion under the old agreement would have amounted to 12.1 per cent.

These figures are not easy to check. They are deduced from a model based on data from the past five years. Simple month-by-month comparison shows erosion of 15 per cent and over — as contended by Finance Ministry sources, though denied publicly by ministry Director-General Emanuel Sharon — but the Histadrut insists that its model is more accurate.

It all seems to depend on the raw data fed into the computer to build the model, such as whether it is based on the calendar year or the financial year — which is the basis of the Histadrut model.

The best — or worst — that can be said is that the new agreement, like the old, contains a certain amount of built-in erosion. That factor will be one of the subjects of the coming wage talks.

Histadrut officials reply to criticism of the low floor of the new agreement by arguing that it was necessary to allow some leeway in the wage negotiations. Had the Histadrut demanded 100 per cent C-o-L compensation, they say, there would be nothing left to use as a negotiating tool now.

That is not strictly true. The wage talks — more accurately called work-agreement negotiations — are concerned with far more than C-o-L compensation. They deal with work conditions, minimum wages, and productivity bonuses, to mention but a few additional elements. In fact, the negotiations for new work agreements need not be concerned with C-o-L increments at all.

Nevertheless, the work agreements are viewed by the Histadrut as one of the three legs of its policy to guarantee real wages. The other two are the C-o-L agreement already signed, and the revision of tax brackets, which is in the hands of the Finance Ministry. While the work agreements are normally signed for two years, the clauses dealing with wages are usually revised after six months or a year. The expectation in the Histadrut is that the work agreements will supplement the C-o-L agreement to cover its built-in erosion over a period of up to six months.

The payment of such compensation under the work agreements was one of the factors taken into account when the Histadrut calculated its annual erosion of 9.8 per cent. Without such compensation, annual erosion would be much higher.

## Negev Beduin resettlement interests Saudi Arabia

Jerusalem Post Staff  
BEERSHEBA. — About 250 Beduin families camped on the perimeter of the Negev air base at Tel Malhata in the Negev will soon be relocated, officials hope.

Resettlement of the Beduin in the area of the base has been going on for three years, under the aegis of an "implementation authority."

The authority's southern district head, Hazi Yehzekiel, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that most of the Beduin have already been resettled in the newly built towns of Kuseifa and Arouar. He said the project had been so successful that Saudi Arabia was interested in applying it to its own urbanization projects.

Nevertheless, the existence of a new body dealing with Beduin affairs has sparked jealousies, and a feud seems to be growing between

the specially set-up authority and the long-dormant Supreme Committee on Beduin Affairs, headed by Prime Minister's Adviser on Arab Affairs Beyamin Gur-Arye.

Gur-Arye reportedly wants the authority wound up, but Yehzekiel opposes this, "the Beduin evacuated the fields only on the strength of our word," he said, "and we must carry on to the end."

Yehzekiel makes no secret of his willingness to involve the authority in further urbanization schemes to urbanize all Negev Beduin.

The budget for investment in Negev Beduin projects in the current year is IS 1 billion, Gur-Arye yesterday told a symposium at Haifa University. A further IS200 million is to be spent on Beduin in Galilee. But the government has no intention of extending the 14 settlements there or of recognizing others.

## Interior Ministry workers turning the public away

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dozens of back-to-work orders will be issued this morning to key Interior Ministry workers, ministry director-general Haim Kubersky told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday afternoon, a few hours after the ministry's 700 employees suddenly launched another round of sanctions.

The workers, angry because the Civil Service Commission has not granted them wage parity with other government employees, without warning stopped work at the ministry's 18 offices throughout the country. Applicants for passports, visas extensions, identity cards and other documents were told to go home and to come back when the sanctions are over.

A ministry spokesman told *The Post* last night that there will prob-

ably be no reception of the public today either, "and until further notice."

The switchboard operator at ministry headquarters in Jerusalem answered all calls yesterday with, "Sorry, no service is available on your call because of sanctions."

The back-to-work orders will be served only on personnel involved in the updating of the Voters Register, in an effort to prevent the sanctions from causing a delay in the July 23 elections.

The spokesman said: "Though the ministry cannot condone work sanctions, there is no doubt that many of the staff demands are justified. In fact, Minister Burg has already written to Prime Minister Shamir arguing that it is unfair that Interior Ministry workers should earn less than their counterparts at other ministries."

## British film union scores Israel

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — For the second successive year, the trade union of the film and television industry has passed a strong anti-Israel motion at its annual conference. But unlike last year, it stopped short this time of urging its members not to work in Israel.

The Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) this time declared its support for the "inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, with an independent and sovereign state," and called on the British government to recognize the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The resolution went on to condemn "the permanently expansionist and aggressive policy" of Israel. The only other resolution dealing

with an overseas country concerned Chile.

Ben Sella, the Histadrut representative in Britain, described the ACTT resolution as "one of the worst I have come across in any union. It is straight out of the PLO propaganda book."

He also said that although the union has a large number of Jewish members, "many of them did not pull their weight at the conference."

The only consolation, Sella said, was that it was not an "operational" resolution, like last year's. "They didn't dare do that again. When they were told by Israel that ACTT members working on news programmes might not be allowed to work in Israel, the ACTT executive council quickly backed off, and a few weeks later pointed out that the resolution was not mandatory upon members."

## Held for shooting his ex-father-in-law

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A witness due to take the stand yesterday in an extortion case was shot and wounded in the stomach here on Monday night.

The wounded man is Avraham Koblin, 67. Some hours later, the police arrested his 30-year-old former son-in-law, the owner of a supper-club in Allenby Street.

The suspect's former wife had previously told the police that he had been cruel to her and her father. Subsequently, Koblin was attacked in the street and unknown persons poured acid into the motor of his car.

At that time, the suspect in Monday's shooting complained of attempts to extort money from him, which, he said, he had been ordered to pay to his former wife and her husband. Shortly after filing the complaint his car was blown up and his second car was found to be booby-trapped.

The suspect's former wife and her husband were then held as suspects for attempted murder. The woman was released on bail, and the husband remanded into custody. Both are charged with attempting to extort money by threats from yesterday's murder suspect.

## Youngsters honoured on Children's Day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Young Israelis received awards and citations in Jerusalem yesterday — International Children's Day — for having contributed to intercommunal understanding.

At the International Cultural Centre for Youth in Jerusalem's German Colony, the Jewish Agency awarded Dorothea and Morris Silverstone Peace prizes to three schools and to a village. The Denmark school in Katamon was cited for maintaining since 1974 a record of activities

aimed at creating greater understanding.

Tenth-grade classes from the Horowitz school on Mt. Carmel in Haifa and from the Sha'ar Ve'or high school in Migdal received awards for activities aimed at creating greater cooperation between Israelis of different faiths.

Naveh Shalom, the interdenominational village near Latrun, was cited for its programmes devoted to interdenominational understanding. At Beit Hanassi, Mrs. Aura Herzog, gave Education and Culture Ministry Medals to 12 children and youths who have been outstanding volunteers.

The children who received the award are working as volunteers in youth centres, community projects, homes for the aged and hospitals. All of them are under 18.

DADA. — An exhibition of paintings by the recently deceased Marcel Janco, a founder of the Dada movement, will open tomorrow in Bar-Ilan University's library building.

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A group of Belz Hassidim load a giant container, which can hold about 25 tons of meat and fish, for a festive meal on Shavuot Eve, June 5. The container was transformed into a deep freezer in preparation for ceremonies linked with the laying of the cornerstone of the Belz world centre in Jerusalem on June 10. (Israel Simonsky, Israel Sun)

## Treasury promises, but Mekorot waits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Finance Ministry yesterday agreed to transfer IS700 million to Mekorot, the national water company, to permit it to pay its debt to the Israel Electric Corporation. But the ministry's promise was not enough to persuade the IEC to withdraw its threat to cut power from pumping installations, and four Mekorot stations were powerless yesterday.

The payment to Mekorot was arranged between officials of the Agriculture and Finance Ministries. Mekorot had earlier pleaded that it

could not pay its debts because the Treasury was delaying payment to it of IS2.5 billion.

IEC sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that on hearing of the Finance Ministry's move they had telephoned Mekorot saying they would restore power if they received a promise that the IS700 b. would be transferred today. But, IEC sources said, Mekorot refused to give the promise until it sees the money. The IEC was still withholding power last night.

Mekorot and the IEC are both government companies.

## Herzog lauds 'illegal' immigration

By GREER FAY CASHMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "illegal" aliyah ("Aliya Bet") network that operated between Europe and Eretz Yisrael from the end of World War II till the War of Independence was described yesterday by President Chaim Herzog as a bridge from an abyss of doom to a star of hope.

He was speaking to members of the Society for Research into Aliya Bet who gathered at Beit Hanassi to honour the memory of Shaul Avigur, a key figure in the Hagana and one of the principal activists in pre-

state aliyah efforts.

Many of those present had risked their lives to bring boatloads of olim out of Europe and to smuggle them past the forces of the British Mandate.

The deterioration in the status of the Jews during World War II was attributed by Professor Anita Shapira, head of the Zionist Research Institute at Tel Aviv University, to the impotence of the Jewish communities of the Soviet Union, Eretz Yisrael and the U.S. American Jewry had been tardy in displaying its show of power, she said.

## Road-safety campaign is 'most effective'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel has one of the most effective road-safety information campaigns in the world, according to Moshe Amtrav, director of the Road Safety Authority.

Five months ago, at an international competition held in Berlin, Israel's entry was judged the best of road-safety service telecasts submitted by 40 countries.

Studies carried out over the past two years by the Road Safety Authority indicate that as a result of such telecasts, the general public has become more safety conscious and more knowledgeable about the rules of the road.

A random sampling by Dahaf, the public-relations firm, recently

showed that of 1200 people interviewed, 47 per cent said they had been considerably influenced by the televised road-safety campaign; 10 per cent said they had been moderately influenced, and 30 per cent had either not seen the programme or did not remember it.

Dahaf said the broadcasts over the past year have improved the driving public's knowledge of the proper stopping distance by 10 per cent, of controlling the vehicle by 8 per cent, of using seatbelts by 14 per cent, and of proper passing by 8 per cent.

During the past year the authority has televised 160 road safety films, broadcast about 1,000 safety messages on radio, and published hundreds of safety announcements in the press.

## Jordanians to give funds to West Bank professionals

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jordan intends to pay Palestinian university graduates in the West Bank who are unable to work in their professions unemployment allowances of up to JD30 (about \$79) a month, the Jerusalem Arabic daily *al-Quds* reported yesterday.

Registration of such unemployed professionals, according to the report, has apparently begun, and they are to receive the payments retroactively to the date on which they received their academic certificates. Engineers who are unable to find employment in their field will be paid JD30 and other professionals JD20 per month.

An estimated 10,000 Palestinian professionals are unable to find suitable employment in the West Bank. Every year another 1,000 persons complete studies at local and foreign universities and join the West Bank labour force.

The Jordanian decision is regarded as an attempt to establish links with the growing and increasingly influential young academic community in the West Bank. Jordanian officials in touch with the West Bank have been reported to be increasingly aware of the breakdown of the traditional structure of society since Israel took over the area in 1967.

Some observers say that Jordan does not have the funds to pay such stipends. Formally, at least, money to the West Bank has to go through the joint Jordanian-PLO fund. Since the PLO's ouster from Lebanon, contributions to this fund from the oil-rich Arab states have decreased sharply, and the Israeli authorities vigorously restrict the transfer of funds from anybody associated even remotely with the PLO.

## Postal rates go up

An average 10 per cent increase in postal rates comes into effect today following yesterday's decision of the Knesset Finance Committee. The new rates are:

Domestic letter — 9 shekels; registered letter — 42 shekels; domestic telegram up to 10 words — 130 shekels; package up to 3 kilograms — 100 shekels; airmail postcard to Europe — 30 shekels, to U.S. and other countries — 35 shekels; airmail letter up to 10 grams — to Europe: 44 shekels, to U.S.: 64 shekels.

## CORRECTION

Patients whose initial screening at the Shaare Zedek gastro-intestinal cancer clinic show need for further examinations can have them at the hospital or may be referred to their own health services.

CHILDREN. — Arab Children's Day will be celebrated in East Jerusalem today. Among the events will be the dedication of a sports and cultural hall at Beit David, a centre sponsored by the capital's International Cultural Centre for Youth.

## Judge in grave robbery won't bow out

REHOVOT (Itim). — Central District Magistrate Court Judge Shlomo Yifrah, presiding judge in the trial of two men accused of removing the remains of Tereza Anghelovici from her grave in March, yesterday refused to disqualify himself from the case, as a defence attorney had requested.

The judge rejected attorney Ya'acov Hetzroni's assertion that he had already formed an opinion in the trial of David Ehrenfeld and Meir Agassi. Hetzroni announced he would appeal the judge's ruling to the Supreme Court within five days and the trial was adjourned pending the appeal.

Hetzroni's argument was said to be based mainly on the judge's comments during recent closed-door testimony on burial practices by members of the Defence Forces Chaplaincy. Hetzroni also complained that while Ehrenfeld was testifying, the judge said: "I tell you, you are a liar."

Yifrah rejected the request to disqualify himself on procedural grounds, saying there was no reason to do so. "The material evidence is manifold and only at the conclusion of the trial will I form my opinion on the basis of all the evidence. There will be a fair trial," he said.

## Ultra-Orthodox quarter for Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A Haredi residential neighbourhood is to be built here shortly, probably on the southwestern edge of the city, Deputy Mayor Moshe Silbermann told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Silbermann added that the municipality has just completed a spacious sports facility for the Heb municipal comprehensive religious high school, and that the next facility will

be built for the Hazon Ovadia religious primary school. Parents who send their children to local religious schools have complained that they lack sports facilities.

Last year, the religious bloc left the municipal coalition because of a nude scene in a play at the Beersheba municipal theatre. They have since returned to the coalition, on the understanding that some of their grievances will be dealt with.

## Milk-free diet helps asthma, migraine victims

HAIFA. — A diet without milk and milk products may be the cure for asthma and migraine attacks.

This is concluded by a research team of the Kupat Holim Clalit's hospital in Afula headed by Dr. David Rattner.

Reporting in a scientific journal, they say that the milk-free diet cured 15 of 22 patients with frequent and acute asthma attacks, as well as 18 of 26 chronic migraine sufferers.

As a result, these patients had no need for treatment for six months.

To check their findings, the doctors asked several patients to go back to consuming milk products, and they almost immediately suffered relapses. But when they returned to the milk-free diet, the symptoms disappeared.

"The research team intends to repeat the experiment with a larger number of patients."

## Welfare official held for sexual extortion

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Social Welfare Ministry official has been ordered held on suspicion of forcing women welfare recipients to have sexual relations with him in exchange for welfare payments.

The man, 61, of Ramat Gan, yesterday was brought for a remand hearing at the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court, where he admitted the charges against him. His name was

barred from publication by police request, as agreed condition for his detention.

Tel Aviv fraud squad detectives told the court that the official had over the years forced scores of women welfare recipients to have sex with him as a condition for his agreeing to authorize their welfare payments. He was remanded for four days.

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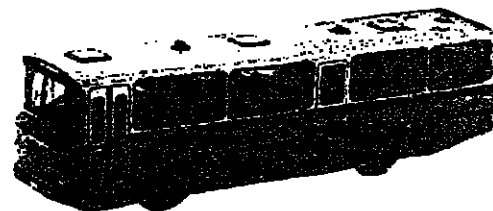
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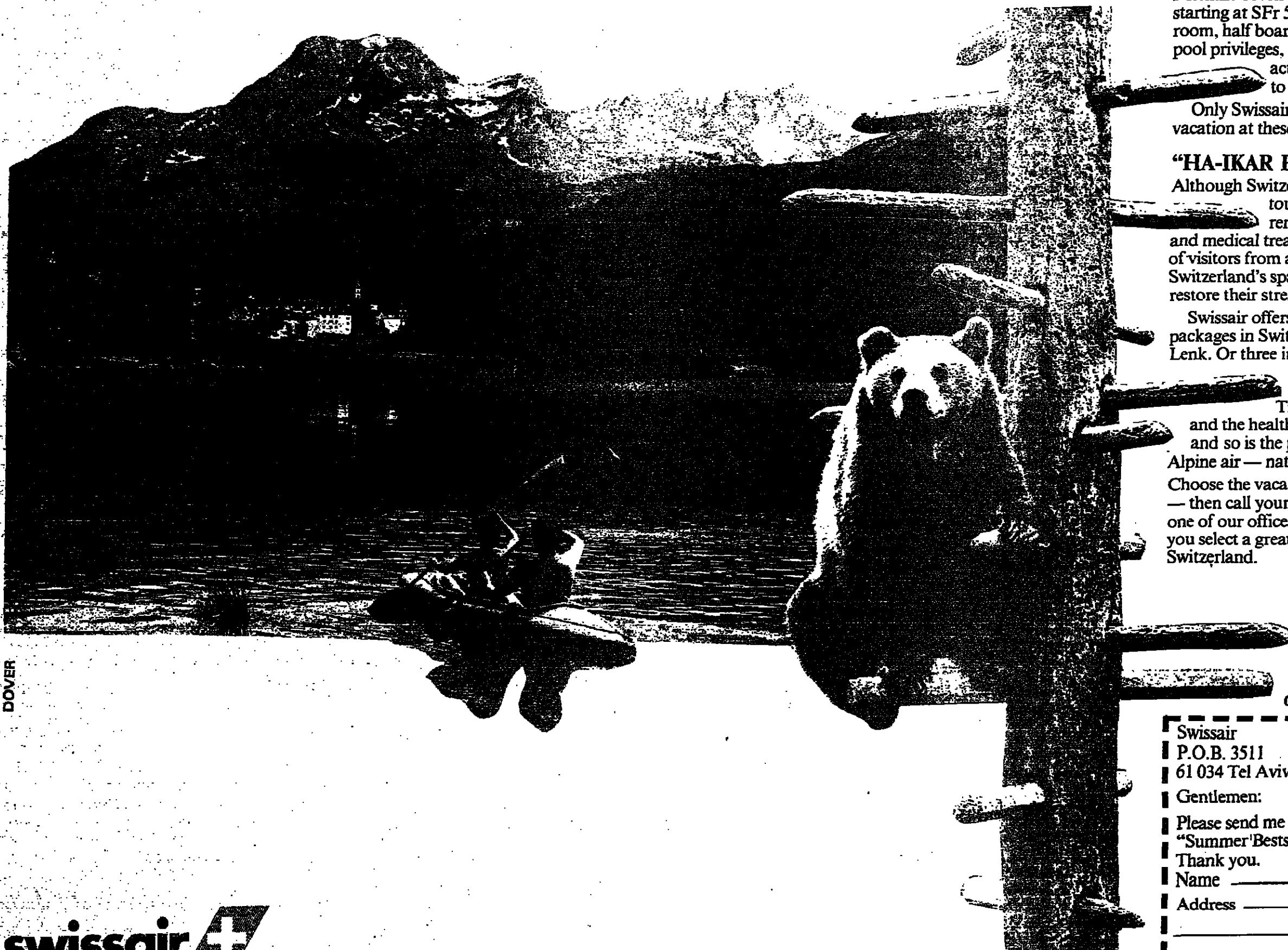
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# LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Hillel Frisch describes the educational boom in the West Bank and Gaza and considers some implications of this phenomenon.

IN THE EARLY YEARS of Israeli rule, hardly a week passed without some reference being made to the demographic problem posed by our retention of the territories. Abba Eban, Pinhas Sapir and other dovish leaders in the early 1970s considered the demographic argument crucial in combating annexationist tendencies and keeping the Jordanian option open.

It was no surprise, then, that when the Likud government launched its massive settlement drive in 1979, Prime Minister Menachem Begin saw fit to study the statistics, and subsequently to justify the increase in settlement on the basis that the demographic problem had failed to materialize. He pointed out that the proportion of Arabs to Jews had remained unchanged since 1967.

In 1981, Begin was vindicated academically by one of Israel's leading demographers, Uriel Schmelz. At a conference at Tel Aviv University, Schmelz not only pointed out the effects of high emigration from the West Bank in the last five years (it has been proportionately five times higher than Israel's net emigration), but also argued that the birthrate in the territories would fall substantially in the coming decade, just as it had fallen among Israeli Arabs and for exactly the same reason - increasing education.

We may conclude that since educational advances have been much more rapid in the territories than among Israeli Arabs (the educational profile of the West Bank Arab work force, at least, already exceeds Israeli Arab society), the reduction in the birthrate is bound to be much more rapid.

**CALL THIS** might mean that demography might not be as perilous as the doves originally thought it to be, but it does not call for a sigh of relief from their opponents either.

Israel might not be facing a problem of numbers - the million will not grow into millions quickly - but it is facing a million increasingly educated Arabs. Education, the key factor behind lower birthrates and emigration, which contribute to a lower demographic growth, might become a problem no less acute than the demographic problem was thought to be. Administering fewer, but more educated, Palestinians might prove to be more difficult a task than ruling millions of uneducated masses.

The territories are witnessing a boom in high school and post-secondary education comparable to Israel's growth experience. If the job slump in the Gulf states continues and Jordan perseveres in its policy of restricting student movement from the territories, the effects of this growth might very well be the transformation of local Palestinian society

from an educated to a highly educated populace.

A NUMBER of indicators will suffice to show the extent of this boom.

□ The high school population in the territories increased in the years 1967-1982 by 108 per cent, yet the general population increased by only 23 per cent.

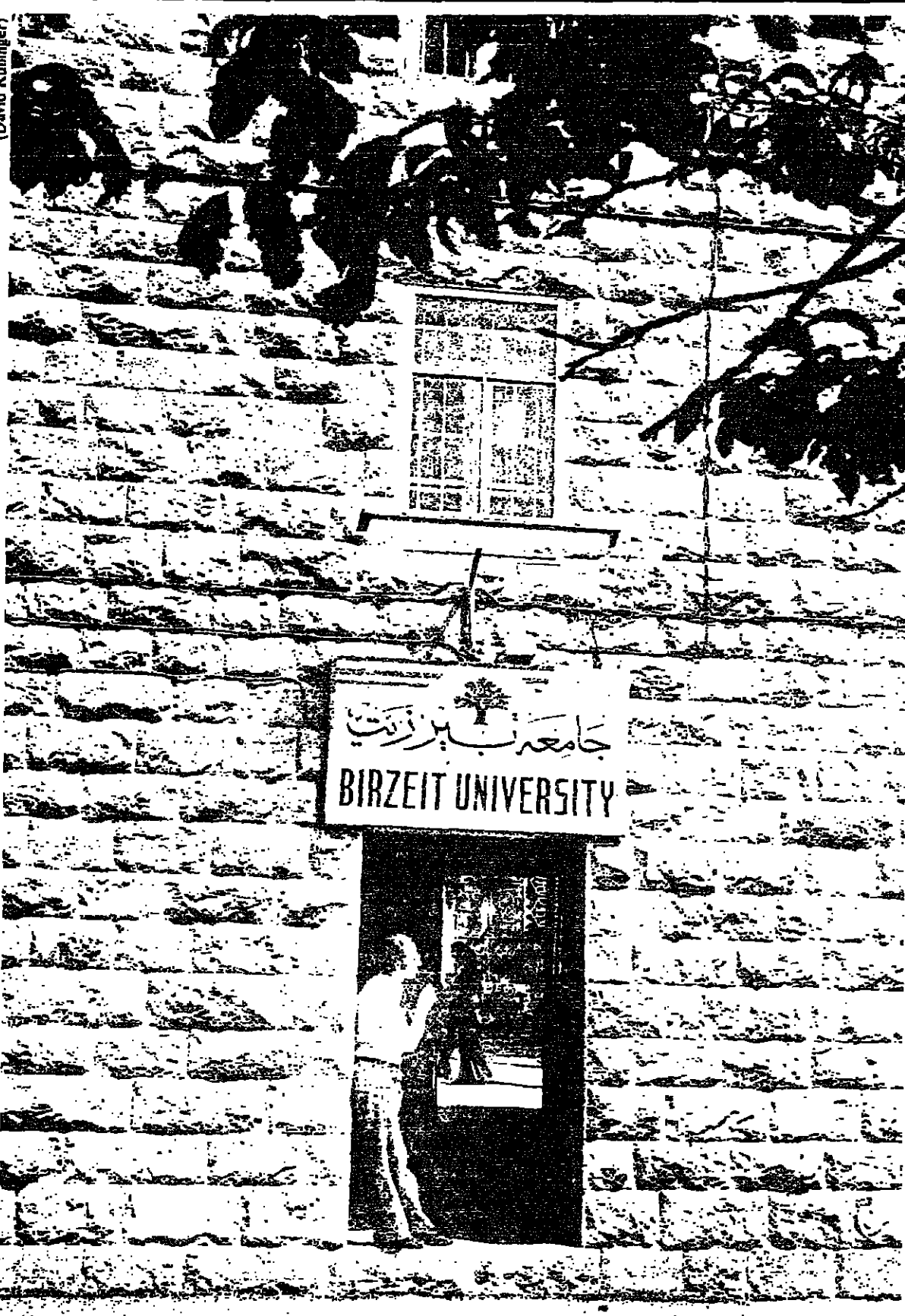
□ There are nearly as many matriculation students in the territories as there are in the whole of Israel. In Israel, 16,000 students pass the *bagrut*. In the territories, nearly 8,000 pass the Jordanian *tawjih* and over 5,000 pass the Egyptian matriculations. The Israeli population, though, is only three times larger than the population of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip combined.

□ In 1967, there were a few hundred students in post-secondary education programmes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; in 1982 there were 12,000; and this year, with the junior college explosion in the West Bank, there will be nearly 20,000 - a student population almost proportionately as large as Israel's, higher than in France and England, and the highest in the Arab Middle East.

□ In 1967, there were nine institutions in the West Bank of the post-secondary level, only one of which, Birzeit, offered college-level courses. Most of the other institutions of higher education were student-teacher colleges. Today, there are 19 institutions, many of them recognized by the West Bank Committee for Higher Education.

□ Under Jordanian rule there were no universities; today there are six: Birzeit, which became a university in 1973 and currently enrolls over 2,400 students; A-Najah al-Wataniyya in Nablus, with an enrollment of over 3,000; Kuliat 'Id-Dawa al-Uslu a-Din-al-Quds University within the Jerusalem city limits; Bethlehem University, founded in 1973, with over 1,200 students; the Islamic University in Hebron, with over 2,400 students; and the Islamic University in Gaza, founded in 1979 with 1,600 students.

Five of the six have been recognized by the Association of Arab Universities and four of the six have over three college faculties. Birzeit and A-Najah have opened up engineering schools. Two additional colleges offer BAs - the College of Sciences in Abu-Dis, just outside of Jerusalem, and the College of Medical Sciences in Ramallah. They are formally part of Al-Quds Uni-



## Plug-in patients

By LIORA MORIEL / Jerusalem Post Reporter

COMPUTER SIMULATION of medical history-taking and diagnosis is being tried with impressive results at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's medical school.

"Instead of reading about cases in textbooks," says David de Leeuw, acting head of BGU's medical computing unit, "the simulation gives students the opportunity to feel as though they are confronted by a case even if such a specific case is not available at the hospital at that particular moment."

Another advantage, he says, is that if there is an interesting patient in a ward, it is not feasible - or even desirable - for 50 medical students to do a complete examination. Using the computer simulation, though, they can conduct an examination: instead of dealing with the patient directly, they deal with a print-out substitute.

The student plays doctor while the computer plays patient.

In fact, the simulation is remarkably close to reality: The computer is programmed in conversational English, and a "doctor" who becomes too technical in his questioning during the "visit" may be told by the "patient" to talk more clearly or "he" will go to another doctor...

This is one of the few systems

anywhere in the world where the student is not cued at all. He's given a specific problem, but no specific clues as to how to get the correct diagnosis.

In this way, the computer simulation differs from written simulation or multiple-choice questionnaires.

TO TEST the theory, Isat opposite a friendly machine on the sixth floor of the new wing of Soroka Hospital in Beersheba where the medical school is located.

Kay Larholt, de Leeuw's assistant, gave me a fighting chance to play doctor.

The "menu" consists of several pediatric cases and several gynecological cases, all of them taken from real-life situations and carefully selected and programmed for maximum benefit as teaching aids. Because each department has a different outlook on what the student should learn, the programmes differ: the gynecological case is more specific, while the pediatric case is more open, Larholt explains.

I chose the gynecological item, which was the first ever to be programmed, and involved an Israeli strip-tease dancer called Shosh Agassi. The simulation is seven-tiered: history, physical examination, labor-

atory tests, diagnosis, management, outcome and evaluation.

I nearly passed. But that is not good enough. Like using nearly sterile instruments during an operation, giving a nearly accurate diagnosis and offering nearly good treatment can have disastrous results. Which is why, says Larholt, "gynecology students tend to do the programmes more than once - to see, as the clerkship goes on, if they learn more and think differently."

"The programme is geared to developing thought-processes to help solve problems arising in real-life situations."

Shosh, the computer prints, out "comes to the emergency room with lower abdominal pain, vaginal bleeding and complaining that she doesn't feel well."

The student-doctor can ask an endless number of questions until he is satisfied with the patient's history.



David de Leeuw (Nowitz)

Then he can proceed with a physical examination, which will no doubt include taking the patient's temperature (a slight fever is indicated.)

The student-doctor now orders lab tests. The head of the department, Dr. Vaclav Insler, and his colleague, Dr. Leiberman, who worked very closely with de Leeuw and Larholt, have a few aces up their sleeves here, and the computer is not above stating that a certain piece of equipment is not in proper working order, that another is unavailable at the hospital and so on. The student-doctors may also be advised that

some tests are very expensive and that others require several days for results.

This, in fact, is the real point of the simulation, not the diagnosis alone. It is possible to diagnose correctly and fail! Several specialists failed in this way, taking the short cut and by-passing the physical examination and the lab tests.

"Proper history-taking is crucial to a correct diagnosis," says de Leeuw, "and this is in keeping with the school's basic approach."

BEERSHEBA'S MEDICAL SCHOOL is geared to producing family physicians who will treat the patient, as well as the disease, and so students come into contact with patients from their first year.

After suggesting a diagnosis, the "doctor" is asked how to treat the ailment. The computer then evaluates each step of the decision-making process from the start and assigns marks. (The real "Shosh" was treated with antibiotics and her IUD was removed before she left the hospital against the doctors' advice. She later returned to hospital and had an operation, before she was able to return to her dancing career.)

Fortified by my near-success, I tried my hand at pediatrics. The cases here, programmed under the guidance of Dr. Margalit, of the Soroka pediatrics department, are much more difficult to play around with because they are completely open-ended.

In fact, says Dr. de Leeuw, if you don't check the child from hairline to toe-nail, you'll miss the diagnosis completely.

The simulation makes it easier to make mistakes. The computer will be ready to go whenever you want,

but real-life patients have only one life, and it is unwise to endanger it unnecessarily.

"We want to start a discussion on what is the optimal way of handling such cases," says de Leeuw.

THE SIMULATION programmes are intended for students in their fourth year of study, before they make their appearance on the wards for the first time. Their pre-clerkship course this year, for example, consisted of two pediatrics cases on the computer, apart from their regular studies.

"We did one case in front of the whole class," says Larholt, "then the other was done by the students individually."

Both the pediatrics and the gynecology programmes use language systems perfected by de Leeuw at BGU, and both are in English.

awareness could often degenerate into violence.

Second, there is an important institutional dimension to the education boom. The universities and colleges have, to use the term employed in the East Jerusalem press, become the leading national institutions in the area.

Consequently as well as inadvertently, they play mobilizing roles by providing courses in Palestinian history; setting up research institutes to study the local economy, society, folklore and culture; providing the stage for active student political life, and by providing legal and moral defence to individual students involved in security offences.

Political theatre, Palestinian weeks, and press conferences have become common occurrences not only in the universities but in the teacher and vocational colleges as well.

Third, there is the problem of absorbing the high school and university graduates. Here the problem, already serious today, might become acute in the future.

To begin with, there are only 14,000 workers currently employed in the scientific, academic, technical managerial and clerical occupations in the West Bank - those jobs suitable for the high-school and post-secondary graduates. That number has remained unchanged for over a decade.

Turnover in these jobs stands at approximately 7.5 per cent, meaning that there are only 1,100 openings in these categories annually in the West Bank. Even if we add the number of openings in the Israeli hotel industry now being filled by West Bank Arabs, we are still left with about 4,000 high school and college graduates unable to find suitable employment in any given year.

Given the overall scarcity of industrial investment in the Israeli economy; the abundance of white-collar talent in Israel, many of whom staff positions below their capabilities; and the growth of defence-related industry, which does not as a rule employ Arabs in white-collar positions, the prospects for the absorption of high-level Arab manpower from the territories in the Israeli economy in the future is low.

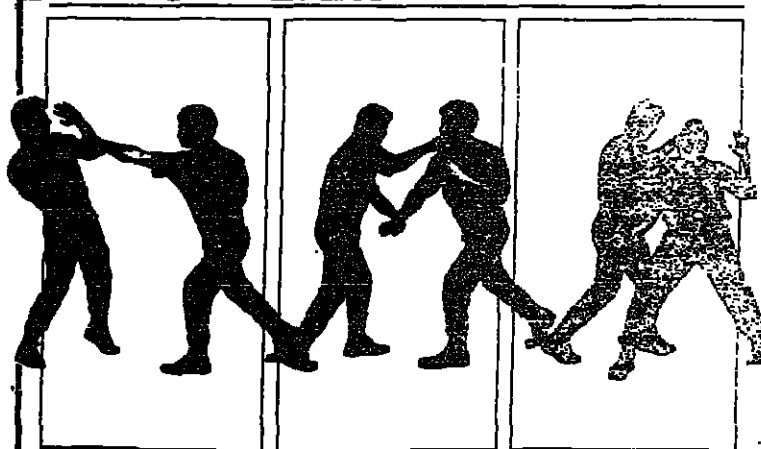
FOR TOO LONG the effects of the rise in the level of education in the territories has been overshadowed by the focus on demography among both doves and hawks.

This debate may be blinding us to what may be fast becoming the most crucial factor in Israel's future administration of the territories - the problem of ruling over an educated society. It is a problem of quality not quantity.

The writer is a member of the Jerusalem Centre for Public Affairs.

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by Col. David Ben-Asher  
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## Patt at the Jerusalem Economic Conference 'We'll go on force-feeding high-technology'

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Fighting inflation by the classic method of allowing unemployment to run rampant is unthinkable in Israel, "for such a situation would lead to a brain drain among our most talented young people," Industry Minister Gideon Patt yesterday told visitors to the Jerusalem Economic Conference. "Thus, it is imperative that we maintain a high standard of employment as well as a high standard of living," Patt said. He was speaking at a gala "business" luncheon at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Earlier in the day the guests toured the Isratex '84 exhibition at the fairgrounds, where they were greeted, and often guided, by Ya'acov Meridor, the Minister of Economics.

Inflation was indeed a harsh problem, Patt said. "But if the economy as a whole suffers, this cannot be said for the individual Israeli." According to his statistics the average price of items in Israel in January 1984 had not changed in dollar terms since January 1982.

As for the huge external debt of \$22 billion, it also should be considered from the viewpoint that 70 per cent of it was "not a commercial

debt," but owed to the U.S. government and to the Jewish people, he said. Only 25 per cent was owed directly to the banks, and only about half of this was a real short-term debt. Thus, even if the debt was huge, it could be handled, although servicing it (and the internal debt) took about one-third of all government expenditures.

The entrance to the Hilton Hotel was picketed by the heads of a number of Negev towns and local authorities, led by Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Nawi, who protested against the organizers' failure to include the Negev in the conference programme.

Against the background of inflation and the external debt, "and plenty of other worrisome problems which have always been with us," one must consider the growth of the country's economy and industrial infrastructure, Patt said.

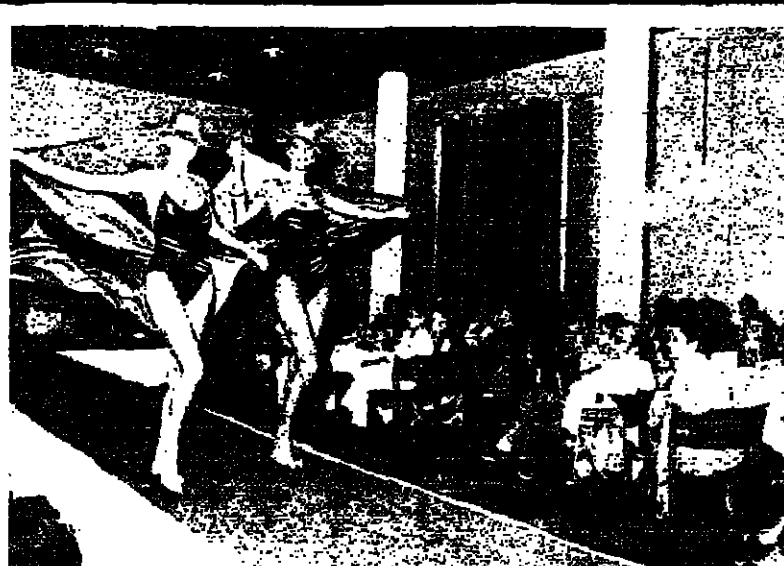
Only seven years ago the government's policy had been switched from one of encouraging consumer

goods to that of force-feeding high-technology. And while in 1972 only \$100 million, or 7.5 per cent of all exports, were in the field of high-technology, last year the figure had jumped to \$1.5 billion, or 30 per cent of all industrial goods. And both figures were constantly growing.

"Since 1975 we have invested \$400m. a year in setting up new industrial enterprises or expanding existing ones, and we plan to continue with these heavy investments," Patt declared.

If in 1983 Israel had earned about \$11b. from the export of services and goods (including industrial products) equally divided between these two major sectors, by 1992 the country expected to export industrial goods alone valued at \$11b., more than half of which would be high-technology products, the minister said.

Patt was introduced by Mark Mosevics, chairman of the steering committee of the Jerusalem Economic Conference, who noted that the country's future depended on its industrial development. "We have the know-how, the management and marketing skills, but we do need outside partners to help in our rapid industrial expansion," Mosevics said.



Lissome models of the Gottex swimwear company kept the wives of participants in the Jerusalem Economic Conference looking and applauding for an hour and a half at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv yesterday. Seated at the far right is the wife of the Prime Minister, Shulamit Shamir, who was guest of honour at the fashion show. (Yitzhak Elharar)

## U.S., Japan and Canada declined most in their competitive strength abroad

WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) issued figures yesterday on the trade competitiveness of 14 western industrialized nations, and listed the U.S., Japan and Canada as those nations that declined most last year in their ability to compete abroad.

Britain, France, Belgium and Sweden were the countries that showed the greatest increase in competitiveness in world markets, the report said.

The IMF measures competitiveness on the basis of the cost of labour, wholesale prices and the prices of exported goods.

International monetary sources said the main reason for the poor U.S. showing was the high value of the dollar. According to U.S. Federal Reserve System figures, the cost of the dollar rose by 12.2 per cent in 1983 against the currencies of its major trading partners.

The Fund's figures do not cover the Soviet Union and some of its East European satellites, which are not among the 14 member governments that report to it.

Last year, the U.S. trade deficit was \$60.6 billion, and that record is likely to be broken again this year. The deficit for the first quarter of 1984 reached \$25.8, 30 per cent more than in the biggest previous quarter.

Of nine countries whose labour costs were analyzed by the IMF, Japan's rose most rapidly during the 1983, by 7.4 per cent. Costs in the U.S. rose almost as fast, by 6.4 per cent.

On the other hand, Britain's labour costs dropped by 7.3 per cent in 1983, Belgium's by 5.9 per cent and France's by 4.9 per cent. All three countries have weak currencies compared with the dollar.

The pattern for wholesale prices was similar. Japan's rose by 6.3 per cent, Canada's by 3.8 per cent and U.S. prices by 3.5 per cent.

## Tax official charged with bribe-taking

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A senior income tax official was charged in Tel Aviv District Court on Sunday with accepting a bribe from the owners of a local massage parlour in return for closing an investigation he said was being conducted into a report that they had concealed income.

The alleged bribe was also paid in exchange for the names of the massage parlour workers who he said had reported them.

The accused, Gershon Aviad, 51, served as a senior management assistant in the Finance Ministry and directed the income tax office at Beit Hadar in Tel Aviv.

According to the charge sheet, Aviad visited the massage parlour run by Yosef and Esther Avishai at

## AIRLINE BRIEFS

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Aviation Reporter

A STUDY prepared by ATA — the International Air Transport Association — says 1983 was a "positive" year for the airline industry, following three years of losses in which deficits amounted to \$5 billion.

Prepared by IATA's finance department, the report is to be published next month. It says traffic increased by five per cent last year and recovery has continued into the early months of 1984.

Some 134 million passengers flew on the international routes of IATA airlines, three per cent more than during the previous year. About 264m. people flew on domestic routes, also an increase of three per cent. Almost 7m. tons of scheduled freight was carried, the report says.

Financial reports for the first quarter of 1984 indicated continued improvement.

United Airlines and American Airlines had bigger profits than during the first quarter of 1983, while Pan American, TWA and Eastern Airlines cut their losses.

British Airways had a net profit of £181m. for the year ended on March 31, 1984, compared with a profit of £51m. during the previous fiscal year and a loss of £544m. two years ago.

But the Peoples Express line in the U.S., which specializes in very low fares, earned only \$18,000 during the first quarter of this year, compared with a \$2.1m. profit in the same period last year. The airline blamed high interest rates for the drop.

Cargo Airlines (CAL) last winter carried some 17,000 tons of flowers, strawberries, fruits and meat. The company said it had operated 162 flights on a Boeing 747 chartered from EL AL and additional flights on planes chartered from the Dutch Martinair, the German Hapag Lloyd, and the American Flying Tigers.

The summer season opened last week and CAL said it hoped to operate two to three flights a week.

Iran Air and Pakistan International Airlines are checking the possibility of pooling their resources, particularly in the maintenance and training fields, a report by IATA says.

Sun 'O'or, EL AL's charter subsidiary, said there had been a marked drop in reservations for flights to Europe during the week preceding the July 23 elections, and a very high demand for seats on flights after that date.

EL AL passengers to the U.S. will soon be able to fly to one city, return from another and stop in Europe on their way, even if they buy economy tickets, the airline announced.

In the past, EL AL did not permit stopovers in Europe on its \$699 tickets. But U.S. airlines flying here recently relaxed their regulations to permit such arrangements, so EL AL followed suit.

EL AL said it had also concluded deals with several U.S. carriers providing its passengers with cheaper fares for connecting flights inside the U.S. These carriers include major airlines such as American, United and Delta.

Next month EL AL will begin services to Chicago and Los Angeles, in addition to New York, Boston, Miami and Montreal. Passengers will then be able to fly to one of these cities and begin their trip from another.

## Hoteliers want platform on tourism at election time

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A platform on tourism issues which hotelkeepers want to propose to all the political parties was explained this week by Maurice Cassuto, chairman of the Hotel Owners Association. He said that the association is nonpartisan, but wants all the parties to take tourism more seriously, because it provides 51 per cent of the foreign currency earned by Israel's industrial exports.

The proposed platform calls for the abolition of a separate tourism ministry. Tourism should either be returned to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, or perhaps be absorbed by the Transport Ministry, in the hope of bringing about a change in aviation policy more in favour of charter flights. At the very least, the hotelkeepers — who stressed that they consulted with travel agents and others in the industry before formulating the platform — want decisions about aviation policy to be made in a forum where tourism interests are represented. They are not represented in the Transport Ministry which makes those decisions today, Cassuto explained.

The hoteliers want the same loans, tax breaks and other assistance

which industrial firms receive including tax discounts for workers on evening and night shifts. They also want 1.5 per cent of the gross income from tourism, about \$15 million, to be spent on marketing efforts abroad.

Cassuto said the hotelkeepers do not expect political parties to incorporate their platform in toto into their own platforms, but he hopes the parties will listen to their ideas and consult them on how to increase the country's tourism.

Asked why he and his colleagues are so interested in platforms, when parties usually do not keep their election promises anyway, he said that a declaration of intentions in favour of tourism is at least a first step. "It's a slow educational process," he said. "At one time, nobody saw the connection between tourism and industry. Today, people are beginning to talk about industry, tourism and agriculture in the same breath. It's a positive sign."

TAIPEI RAILWAY — The Saudi Fund for Development announced Saturday it has approved a \$78 million loan to the Republic of China for the Taipei Railway underground project.

## Demand for crackdown on dollar-hedging

TEL AVIV. — The Hishmud's Consumer Protection Authority has appealed to the Minister of Industry and Trade to crack down on merchants who mark prices in dollars rather than shekels. It argues that using any currency figures other than the country's legal tender is an evasion of the law for posting prices.

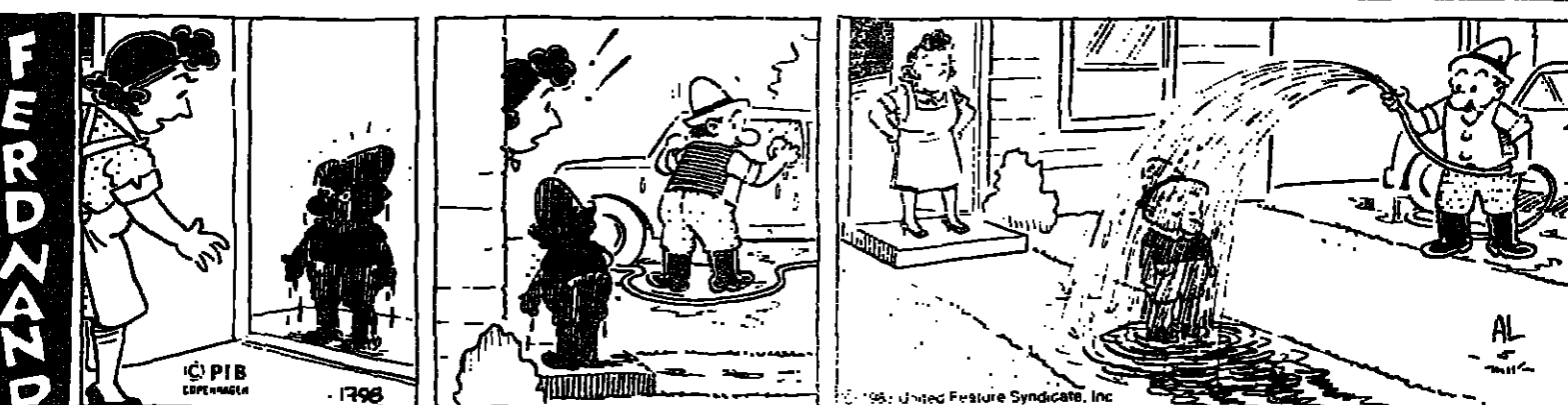
The failure of authorities to enforce this law appears to legitimize dollar-pricing, if only through "agreement by silence."

Consumer Authority chairman Nuzhat Katzav sent a letter to this effect to Minister Gideon Patt, in which she noted that her organization has received many complaints on this score. Consumers complain not only of the basic trend, but also of the tendency to convert prices to dollars at the highest possible exchange rates.

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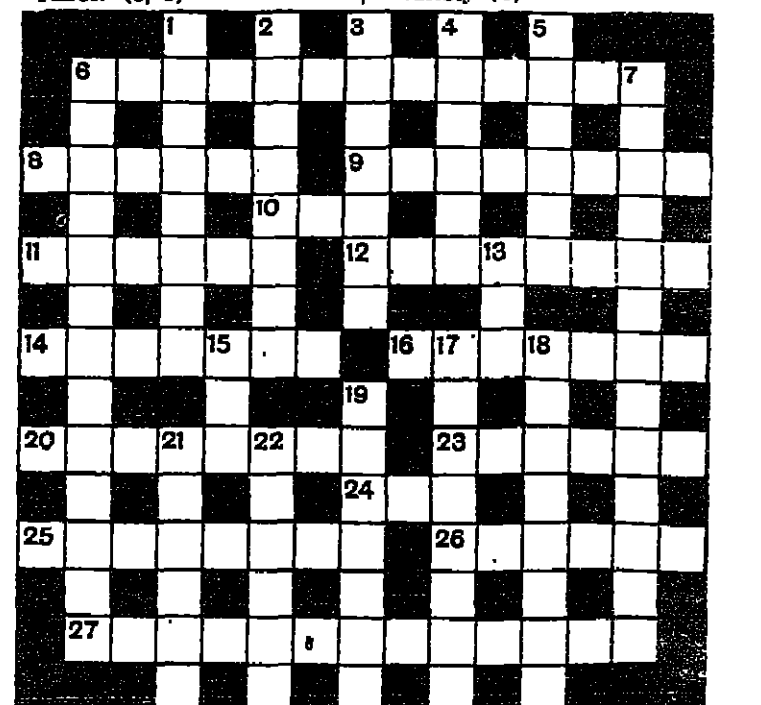
SEOUL (AP) — South Korea's gross national product registered an impressive 9.7 per cent growth in real terms during the first quarter of this year, the Bank of Korea has announced.

The central bank credited the gain, compared to a 8.5 per cent increase for the same period last year, to brisk activities in commodity exports and domestic consumption and manufacturing.



## ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Her lot desires an alternative to Kipling's martial trio (8, 5)
  - Second-class set up to cook slowly (6)
  - Went on unsteadily, having been loudly changed (8)
  - Reproach oneself as a source of bitterness (3)
  - Let go a modification in order to play smoothly (6)
  - What is written satisfies (8)
  - The craft of the cook (7)
  - Smokes that upset the Victorian miss (7)
  - A bottle-neck? Arrest the Lord's servant (8)
  - The enigma of the screen (6)
  - Sunny note for singers (3)
  - A rum concoction, but it's a sign of good health when cold (4, 4)
  - To roar with refinement becomes the speaker (6)
  - Fish course at the racecourse buffet? (5, 8)
- DOWN**
- Paradoxically, more than one last word (8)
  - Roman 26 gains two points as classical guide (8)
  - With minimal change, mum might be perfect (7)
  - Uncle Joe, being late, could be last in (8)
  - It sounds chilly, rummaged round the top of the wall (8)
  - One not so sharp as a thankful child according to Lear (8, 5)
  - Listed as a snack for the political agent? (9, 4)
  - Wrinkle awarded gratuitously (3)
  - Cartographer's plan to show the way (3)
  - More than one 20 caused by bubbles perhaps (8)
  - Long-standing worry can be the very devil (5, 5)
  - Set among leguminous plants for spending in Spain (7)
  - Father's rugby score served up at the tea table (6)
  - Made amends for a noted variety (6)



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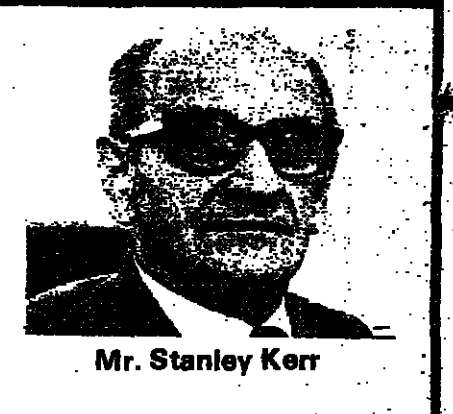
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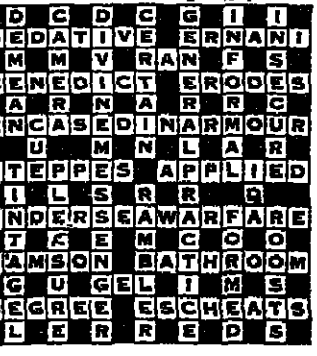
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# Money Matters

## Selling pressure eases; banks rise

TEL AVIV. — Both the stock and bond markets regained their balance yesterday, as the heavy selling of the last few days abated. Share volume fell and the banks covered by the "arrangement" rose, giving a better tone to the whole market.

Dollar-linked bonds were still weak and showing falls of 1-2 per cent, but index-linked bonds stabilized after the recent declines, with some series gaining slightly as well. Volume on the bond market increased again, reaching IS688 million. Overall, the index of bond prices gained half a per cent, but, at 173.84 on a base of December 31, 1983 = 100, this index is lagging behind the rate of inflation, which reached 72 per cent by mid-April.

The share market was mixed, with more issues rising than falling. Volume shrank to IS414m., almost back to the meagre levels of last week, after crossing the IS1 billion mark on Sunday.

It was the group of bank shares included in the "arrangement" bank shares that put in the largest rise of any sector, 2.49 per cent, and was

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

falls in the two preceding days' trading, led the market higher. These shares are, of course, traded as dollar-linked bonds, and the recent drops had taken their yields to almost 19 per cent.

At these levels, many investors regard them as an opportunity not to be missed by, and bids of several million shares appeared for Leumi, Hapoalim and Mizrahi. The Bank of Israel, having stood in the breach and soaked up the large selling offers earlier in the week, began to take a profit on its new positions by not selling any of its shares until the prices had risen, in the case of Hapoalim by as much as 6.8 per cent.

The index of "arrangement" bank shares thus put in the largest rise of any sector, 2.49 per cent, and was

the main factor in the gain of 1.74 per cent recorded by the General Share Index. The non-bank index showed only a bare 0.38 per cent advance.

Despite the improvement shown on the share market, analysts and traders were hesitant to talk of much beyond a technical reaction to the recent falls. The shake-out of Sunday and Monday has damaged confidence amongst the trading fraternity, confidence that was none too great beforehand.

One fund manager told *The Jerusalem Post* that the major fundamental problem besetting the market was the high level of interest rates, which rendered all other short-term investments unprofitable by comparison. If this thesis is correct, the announcement last yesterday of a reduction by the Bank of Israel in the rate it charges the commercial banks should be favourable for stocks and bonds alike.

As is usual on the Tel Aviv Exchange, even a day that saw a near-balance between rises and falls, and a relatively small number of sharp movements — 38 issues rose by more than 5 per cent, against 37 such falls, and 15 were "buyers only" with 11 being "sellers only" — even such a "quiet" day produced some major moves. The Jaysour and Cyclone options were easy champions yesterday, with jumps of 35 per cent each, although the Rogovin options challenged in the opposite direction, slumping 35 per cent on the day.

Most active issues:

Leumi	2801	IS104.2m.	+11
Hapoalim	4690	IS179.7m.	+300
IDB	6380	IS29.7m.	n.c.

Turnovers:

Stocks	IS414.3m.
Bonds	IS687.8m.
Options	179
Issues up:	144
Issues down:	144

### LONDON BANK RATES

May 22, 1984

Bank base rate	9	Prev. Close
Call money	9	9
91-day Treasury	8 1/2	8 1/2
3-months Interbank	9 1/4	9 1/4

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### Bank of Israel exchange rates

May 22, 1984

U.S. dollar	194.90
British sterling	271.33
German mark	70.95
French franc	23.086
Dutch guilder	63.064
Swiss franc	85.916
Swedish krona	24.118
Norwegian krone	24.952
Danish krone	19.367
Finnish mark	33.546
Canadian dollar	150.46
Australian dollar	175.85
South African rand	152.73
Belgian franc (10)	34.925
Austrian schilling (10)	100.99
Italian lire (100)	115.11
Japanese yen (100)	83.594
Irish pound	218.48
Spanish peseta (100)	126.97
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Lebanese lira	33.46
Egyptian pound	170.54

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	Selling	Buying
USS	196.1087	193.6912
Sterling	272.9460	269.4825
DM	71.4369	70.5263
French FR	23.2285	22.9423
Dutch G	63.4656	62.6832
Swiss FR	86.4296	85.3641
Swedish KR	24.2979	23.9984
Norwegian KR	25.1341	24.8242
Danish KR	19.5220	19.2823
Finnish MK	33.7420	33.3290
Canadian \$	151.5816	149.7130
Australian \$	176.9979	174.8157
Rand	153.6610	151.7667
Belgian C10	35.1575	34.7241
Belgian F100	34.6941	34.2644
Austrian S100	101.7161	100.4622
Yen(100)	84.1668	83.1292
Spanish P100	127.8367	126.5613
Italian L1000	115.9377	114.5085

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### INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

USS	1.3903/13	per \$
DM	2.7445/55	per \$
Swiss FR	2.2680/90	per \$
French FR	8.4400/50	per \$
Italian L	1691.50/25	per \$
Dutch G	3.0800/00	per \$
Yen	10.0450/75	per \$
Danish KR	7.8025/75	per \$
Norwegian KR	8.0660/10	per \$
Swedish KR	56.50/55	per \$
Belgian C10	55.78/79	per \$

### FORWARD RATES

1 mon.	1.3928/40	1.3986/99	1.4079/93
3 mon.	2.7320/25	2.7361/66	2.7445/50
6 mon.	2.2232/32	2.2282/82	2.2376/76

### Commercial Banks

(not part of "arrangement")

OHK	1890	3	n.c.
Marianne H	705	938	n.c.
Marianne H S	255	944	-15
N. America H	1651	83	-52
N. Am. op 1	1246	22	-21
N. Am. op 2	2607	17	-25
Danish H	310	31	n.c.
Danish op 1	90	1337	n.c.
Danish op 2	191	6.6	+9
First Indus H	280	442	+3
First Indus S	364	331	n.c.

### Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

IDB	6580	451	n.c.
IDB op 1	6900	7	n.c.
IDB op 2	4000	n.c.	n.c.
Leumi H	5010	31	n.c.
Leumi op 1	8600	25	n.c.
Leumi op 2	8535	+135	+1.6
Discount A	2737	445	+7
Discount B	2755	5	+3.6
Mizrahi H	1900	494	-8.4
Mizrahi op 1	2200	25	-10
Mizrahi op 2	1240	n.c.	-8
Hapoalim H	4690	1696	+300
Hapoalim S	4525	34	+155
Hapoalim op 1	17000	6	+4.1
General op 1	28000	+1000	-3.5
General op 2	10600	3	-300
General op 3	8700	1	-300
Leumi op 1	560	27	+30
Leumi op 2	2801	3721	+11
Leumi op 3	4060	34	+20
Leumi op 4	1100	301	-50
Leumi op 5	4000	10	+250
Finance Trade	2215	3	+200
Finance Trade	3521	2	-100

### Real Estate, Building

Oren	168	b.o.l	+5.0
Avram Prop	184	150	+11
Avram op 1	184	258	n.c.
Avram op 2	64	212	+6.7
Avram op 3	45	25	n.c.
Avram op 4	153	b.o.l	+4.8
Avram op 5	138	20	+3.1
Avram op 6	101	v.o.l	-8
Avram op 7	84	33	n.c.
Avram op 8	2500	13	-20
Avram op 9	2095	2	-5
Avram op 10	138	20	+3.1
Avram op 11	119	25	n.c.
Avram op 12	860	63	n.c.
Avram op 13	262	63	+1.6
Avram op 14	330	10	n.c.
Avram op 15	115	66	+4.2
Avram op 16	85	131	-2
Avram op 17	68	149	-3.9
Avram op 18	150	134	+3.5
Avram op 19	215	18	+10
Avram op 20	81	61	+3.1
Avram op 21	47	49	n.c.

### Mortgage Banks

Adam H	1000	3	n.c.
Gen. Mortgage	1278	20	+3
Gen. Mortgage	1278	20	+3
Carmel H	611	81	n.c.
Carmel op 1	282	33	-1
Carmel op 2	1493	17	-10.0
Carmel op 3	412	21	n.c.
De Mortgage H	440	90	+1
De Mortgage S	231	90	+1
De Mortgage op 1	3420	2	n.c.
De Mortgage op 2	2140	2	n.c.
De Mortgage op 3	1100	n.c.	-2.3
Tefahot H	891	46	+27
Tefahot op 1	718	203	+28
Tefahot op 2	367	561	+1.9
Tefahot op 3	170	30	-4.5
Tefahot op 4	156	23	+8
Tefahot op 5	116	299	+34.9
Tefahot op 6	251	199	+1

### Financial Institutions

Shitron H	77	702	+3
Shitron op 1	1070	50.2	-50
Shitron op 2	10700	n.c.	-4.5
Shitron op 3	10700	n.c.	-4.5
Shitron op 4	1126	7	-1
Shitron op 5	1179	9	-1
Shitron op 6	10240	-50	-5
Shitron op 7	42600	-50	-5
Shitron op 8	26500	-50	-5
Shitron op 9	26500	-50	-5
Shitron op 10	8102	-50	-5
Shitron op 11	193	212	n.c.
Shitron op 12	19100	-17	-5
Shitron op 13	319	+0.1	-1.9
Shitron op 14	1270	43	-12

### Insurance

Anghe H	475	57	n.c.
Anghe op 1	327	64	+8
Anghe op 2	4340	3	+8
Anghe op 3	732	5.0	-38
Anghe op 4	250	31	-10
Anghe op 5	600	2	n.c.
Anghe op 6	141	9	+1
Anghe op 7	240	6	+1
Anghe op 8	170	9	+1
Anghe op 9	575	483	n.c.
Anghe op 10	1000	20	n.c.
Anghe op 11	415	25	-22
Anghe op 12	885	7	-10
Anghe op 13	164	64	n.c.
Anghe op 14	1042	25	n.c.
Anghe op 15	285	6	+2
Anghe op 16	117	1	-4
Anghe op 17	1060	2	+8
Anghe op 18	255	2	+1.9
Anghe op 19	1350	2	n.c.
Anghe op 20	315	725	n.c.
Anghe op 21	545	5	+15
Anghe op 22	289	43	n.c.
Anghe op 23	130	b.o.l	+6

### Trade & Services

Meir Ezra	520	180	n.c.
Meir Ezra op 1	179	111	+1
Meir Ezra op 2	134	20	n.c.
Meir Ezra op 3	43	378	+7.5
Meir Ezra op 4	338	79	n.c.
Meir Ezra op 5	490	7	-20
Meir Ezra op 6	214	47	-1
Meir Ezra op 7	1256	1	+1
Meir Ezra op 8	250	28	n.c.
Meir Ezra op 9	850	46	n.c.
Meir Ezra op 10	450	370	+14
Meir Ezra op 11	417	16	+40

### Industrials

Atlas	369	99	n.c.
Atlas op 1	179	82	+24
Atlas op 2	77	b.o.l	+3
Atlas op 3	41	114	n.c.
Atlas op 4	180	11	+5
Atlas op 5	64	130	-1
Atlas op 6	52	25	+8.3
Atlas op 7	2750	5	n.c.
Atlas op 8	2795	10	n.c.
Atlas op 9	441	9	-11
Atlas op 10	366	2	-8
Atlas op 11	201	n.c.	-2.9
Atlas op 12	495	199	n.c.
Atlas op 13	457	50	+42
Atlas op 14	240	276	+7
Atlas op 15	955	72	-1
Atlas op 16	399	26	-10
Atlas op 17	359	99	n.c.
Atlas op 18	328	174	n.c.
Atlas op 19	1236	1	-12
Atlas op 20	643	16	+11
Atlas op 21	512	82	+7
Atlas op 22	2150	9	+34
Atlas op 23	2450	4	n.c.
Atlas op 24	1340	12	-78

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Agan Chem. S	448	b.o.l	+45
Agan op 1	620	+39	+6.7
Agan op 2	216	70	-34
Agan op 3	180	17	-2.8
Agan op 4	358	147	-14
Agan op 5	415	12	-25
Agan op 6	172	128	n.c.
Agan op 7	31	142	-13
Agan op 8	268	9	+139
Agan op 9	760	25	-5.0
Agan op 10	599	291	-21

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A dark, grainy image showing a landscape with a body of water and a distant shoreline. The image is very dark and has a high level of contrast, making details difficult to discern. It appears to be a night scene or a very low-light photograph. The text "LEGEND OF SAFE" is visible at the top of the image, suggesting it might be a cover or a title page for a book or a document.



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## At dead centre

WILL A CHANGE of government in this country make a difference in terms of moving the peace process off dead centre, where it is currently stuck? Monday's Knesset session, where the Prime Minister presented a long statement of policy, was instructive on this score.

Mr. Shamir could have been expected to argue that it is the Arab side, and not Israel, which by its intransigence is causing the negotiations to stall. Launching the election campaign with a political speech in the Knesset, Mr. Shamir could have reiterated the point, which he was not loath to make on some earlier occasions, that Israel and Jordan "do have things to talk about."

Unless he had already decided to bury the Camp David autonomy plan, Mr. Shamir was in fact bound to reiterate the point. For without a start on a dialogue with Jordan there is no prospect whatever of working out an agreed settlement of the disputed problem of the territories of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Evidently, however, Mr. Shamir no longer believes, if he ever did, that there is anything truly worth discussing with the Jordanians. He did not blame the Arab side for intransigence. On the contrary, he denounced those - plainly leaders of the Alignment - who had been hinting to King Hussein that, once they won the elections, there would indeed be things to talk about. The prime minister suggested that what the Alignment really was prepared to discuss, and thus accept, was a wholesale withdrawal in favour of the Jordanians from Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

It is, of course, entirely possible that Amman will persist in its refusal to consider a peace arrangement with Israel that does not involve the restoration of the entire West Bank. But what disturbs the prime minister seems to be the possibility, no matter how remote, that a peace arrangement might be hammered out on the basis of a territorial compromise.

Mr. Shamir let it be known previously that, as far as he is concerned, the status of the territories has already been sealed. They are, to all intents, except for the purposes of strict law, part and parcel of the expanded State of Israel. All that the Arabs can do about this *fait accompli* is to endorse it. That, and hardly anything else, is open for discussion.

How this attitude of mind could long sustain even what little remains of the peace with Egypt has never been explained. And what would happen to Israel itself if it sought permanently to place under its dominion over a million reluctant Arabs, without granting them any political rights? The discovery of a Jewish terror network in the territories suggests one answer. Mr. Shamir, for his part, keeps making light of it. Only a small group of people had been tempted to tread the "aberrant path," he assured the Knesset, glossing over the fact that the poisonous weeds represented some of the finest flower of the settler movement.

"The decisive majority of the settlers of Judea and Samaria, the Golan Heights and the Gaza District," he said, "dissociate themselves from these acts without reservation."

The decisive majority of the settlers? Dissociate themselves without reservation? Most of what has been heard in public has amounted, at best, to mumbled disapproval made not for moral reasons but on the grounds of injury to the state and especially to the enterprise of settlement. But Mr. Shamir needs to resort to such transparent distortion in order to protect his prime agents of political immobilism in the service of annexation.

## FIBI CONTROL

(Continued from Page One)

The First International was by far its most profitable component and that, without it, the company would have reported a large nominal loss. At Discount Bank, likewise, the profits contributed by First International were a significant portion of the small nominal profit that bank achieved last year.

It seems, however, that the offer made to Charney and his partners on Sunday by some key figures in Israeli banking and legal circles refers to the controlling interest held in FIBI by the Danot investment company. Danot was founded in 1980 by a group of Israeli industrialists led by Mark Mosheviets and Dov Lautman, and their initial move was to purchase control of the First International by acquiring FIBI from the Eisenberg group.

Danot's subsequent ventures were less successful - the failure of *Rehov Rashi* newspaper chain being one well-known example - and the company has reportedly been in difficulties for some time. Earlier this week, the company confirmed a newspaper report that it was in contact with an investor group including Yoram Gil, the Israeli who recently took control of Etz Lavud, and overseas Jewish investors.

Danot told the Stock Exchange, in answer to its queries, that it was in touch with more than one party, but the reports did not make clear whether these contacts concerned a total buy-out of Danot or were restricted to the company's stake in FIBI.

Financial circles contacted by *The Jerusalem Post* stressed that potential buyers were unlikely to be interested in any of Danot's assets other than the FIBI holding. One source estimated the market value of the First International Bank as slightly more than \$70m. However, the current slump on the Tel Aviv market makes it likely that the true value is considerably higher than this figure.

Given that Danot's holding in FIBI is only a majority in terms of voting rights (about 52 per cent) and is only in the order of 35 per cent of the equity, and taking into account

FIBI's bare majority of the equity of the First International's equity, it would seem that Danot is offering to sell less than 20 per cent of the bank's capital, along with the indirect but nonetheless effective control (through FIBI) for less than \$40m.

Charney and his partners are examining the bank's figures and checking its loan portfolio. When this is complete, and assuming that the results are satisfactory, the Charney group will have to obtain the Bank of Israel's approval.

The Bank of Israel spokesman confirmed to *The Post* last night that the Danot group had held talks with the central bank recently as to the possibility of selling their controlling stake in the First International Bank. The Bank of Israel is considering this application, taking into account the well-being of First International itself and the commitments given by the owners when they bought control. These included a commitment not to sell their shares for a period of five years.

Charney, senior partner of L.H. Charney and Associates, a private New York holding company with investment and real-estate interests valued at \$170m, is well-known in Israel as a supporter and backer of Ezer Weizman and his new political party. Charney has a strong background in banking from his activities in Wall Street and his membership in the New York State Banking Commission.

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bia, according to some Pentagon officials. "The Saudis are reluctant to antagonize Iran," said one official. "They are concerned about fundamentalist sympathizers with Iran who might cause internal security problems in Saudi Arabia."

The UN Security Council was expected to meet in special session tomorrow and an Islamic peace committee, which has been trying to end the Gulf war, was also due to meet in Jeddah soon to discuss the crisis.

# RE-OPENING THE HEARTS

By YAKOV RABKIN

VICTOR POLSKY's sober analysis of the Soviet Jewry issue ("Reopening the Gates," *The Jerusalem Post*, May 13) deserves appreciation. He avoids commonplaces like "redouble the struggle for Soviet Jews" and attempts to formulate a balanced and rational picture. This attempt, therefore, invites the reader to think, not to act without thinking. Some of the thoughts his article evokes in me may interest other readers.

Dr. Polksky's article rests on the well-known hypothesis about the resentment Soviet authorities allegedly feel towards those Soviet Jews who headed West rather than to Israel upon their departure from the Soviet Union. While Soviet resentment is difficult to substantiate because of the official silence Soviet authorities have maintained on the subject, the resentment felt by Israelis towards West-bound Soviet Jews is an easily verifiable fact.

Dr. Polksky concludes that Soviet authorities need to be convinced by Soviet Jews that they are indeed committed to settle in Israel if the gates of the Soviet Union are to open in the future at all.

While he wisely avoids specifying the period for which such a commitment should be made (a month, a year or 10 years), he emphasizes that "it is not desirable that emigration to Israel should be regarded by Soviet Jews as a cruel and unavoidable necessity."

How can he achieve this? By improving the attitude of Israel's authorities towards aliyah in general and Soviet aliyah in particular. He identifies MK David Levy as the main culprit of bad absorption of Soviet Jews in Israel and goes on to deplore the indifference of the prime ministers, ministers, and Knesset members to the issue of aliyah.

This is where Dr. Polksky appears to fall into the trap of naivete. I know the trap quite well, since I failed to avoid it in my own time.

I HAVE BEEN arguing for improvement in aliyah policies ever since 1973, when I had the privilege of landing in this country. My private memoranda and, later, articles published in this paper as well as in the *Jewish Chronicle* (London), in *Midstream* (New York) and elsewhere in the Jewish media argued, while there still is time, that Israel should be made attractive - at least, a challenge - if immigration of Soviet and other Jews to the country was to continue.

Like Dr. Polksky, I held the simplistic belief that if only the government could determine how to run absorption properly, it would surely do so.

The reality of democratic states is, however, different, and elected representatives must express the will of the electorate, even if this will is somewhat hidden under the rubble of discoloured rhetoric.

Mr. Levy's policies may displease Dr. Polksky, myself and other "patriots" who still care about the good of the country as we see it. Yet he can hardly be reproached for it: his

policies reflect the wide, albeit rarely articulated, consensus held by Israelis of all ranks with regard to aliyah.

While lip-service is duly paid to aliyah as an ideological pillar of the state, immigrants are at best tolerated and at worst forced to feel "how it was when we arrived here." Call it hypocrisy, initiation rite or some other term, but the reality behind it will not change.

The problem is not inefficiency or lack of imagination on the part of Israeli bureaucrats who could have improved absorption. It lies in the organic rejection Israeli society has developed with respect to newcomers, particularly to those who vie for middle-class or elite positions on the basis of their higher education and professional experience in the Soviet Union, the U.S. and other industrialized nations.

As a colleague at the Hebrew University, himself a veteran Israeli, put it: "Don't forget, this is a small, very crowded and usually cruel country." Indeed, even those immigrants who want to "leave it all" and settle the hills of the Galilee find little sympathy among Israel's bureaucrats.

How can an immigrant expect appreciation or interest from among the elite whom he or she basically wants to displace, particularly in the conditions of "negative growth" now prevailing in Israel?

Israelis brought up in the spirit of active defence and no-nonsense pragmatism are unlikely to vacate their comfortable and hard-earned positions in appreciation of the "heroism" of the few immigrants who decided to come here.

A closer look at Israel's history would show that this has always been the *practical*, as distinct from rhetorical, attitude of Israeli society towards newcomers: Polish immigrants of the 1920s were "too bourgeois," German immigrants of the 1930s were branded *sabon* - "soap" - by their absorbing brethren, while the mass non-European immigration of the 1950s was summarily deemed "primitive" and consequently tucked away from civilization to development towns, a deed for which, 35 years later, the unshamed establishment would bestow an Israel Prize on the culturally adulterated and socially inferiorized remnants of the hitherto proud Jewish communities of the Middle East.

IF THE PICTURE is as gloomy as I present it, why bother to settle here at all? This is where Dr. Polksky could have strengthened his argument had he explained the reasons for Soviet (or for that matter, other) immigration to Israel. One should not take a desire to live in Israel for granted, even be it one's own desire.

One does no favour to the country and its citizens by living here. Those who are articulate, at least with themselves, must realize that they, or at least their children, are the only potential beneficiaries of their move.

While fringe profits may accrue to the absorption establishment (the

Jewish Agency, the Ministry of Absorption, transportation and import companies), the bulk of the Israeli population would remain at best indifferent to the immigrant's noble motivation.

Some immigrants may feel that they are here to fulfill God's commandments, to build a truly Jewish life; others may see Israel in more reactionary terms, as a haven against anti-Semitism, a refuge from physical persecution, or a bulwark against assimilation.

They may or may not find what they look for here. One thing, however, is certain: they settle in the place "where the action is," where a crucial match of contemporary Jewish history is being played. If they want to be participants rather than observers - or, in less benign circumstances, victims of what Israel does and is, they had better come and live here. Their effect may be negligible, but at least they would have the satisfaction of having tried to contribute to the dynamics of Israel's evolution.

THE EMERGENCE of the State of Israel may hold a promise of a threat to the Jews. Those Jews who see it as an instrument, a means, an important juncture in the course of Jewish history rather than a goal in itself, should take a serious and critical look at today's Israel. They may ask themselves whether Israel has not become too important for the Jews to be left to the mercy of the Israelis alone.

Imbued with such a constructive, albeit somewhat bellicose spirit, one should expect little help from the Israelis. In fact, one comes here in spite of, rather than thanks to, Israeli society. And it may be wise to remember it before buying a one-way ticket to Israel or, *a fortiori*, before applying for an irreversibly one-way Soviet visa for Israel.

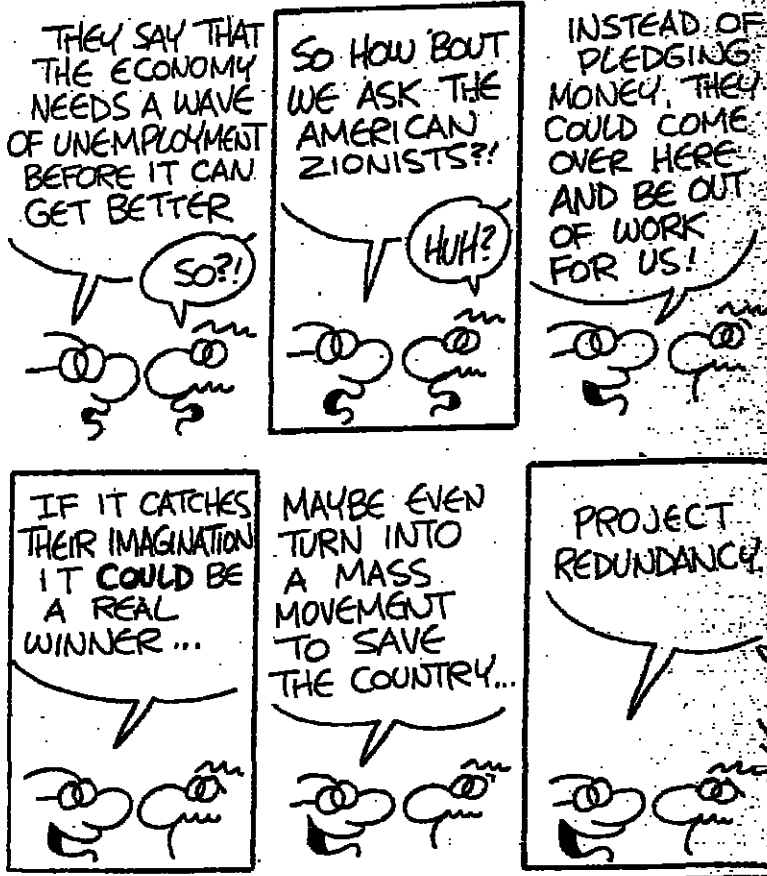
Whatever relief one may expect in the absorption process is more likely to come from Diaspora Jewry than from Israelis. I have long argued that non-Israeli Jewish organizations would do a much better job of assisting new immigrants here than clumsy, self-centred and jealous Israeli bureaucrats.

The "sacred" argument of Israeli sovereignty was usually invoked against my proposals. Today, more than ever before, I am convinced that not only immigrants but Israel as a whole stand to benefit from an activist approach to resettlement of Jews in this country on the part of Diaspora organizations. I say "resettlement" instead of "absorption" because there are few Jews who would really like to be absorbed, assimilated, into Israeli society as we see it today.

PROJECT RENEWAL has provided Diaspora leaders with valuable experience in dealing with the guardians of Israeli sovereignty in their myriad of little offices. This experience can be profitably put to use in the help these Diaspora organizations may offer new immigrants here.

The hitherto effective "guilt trip" the Israeli leaders used to put on the Diaspora has lost its strength. The servile admiration which Israelis, from government leaders to ordinary citizens, experience when seeking trips to Western countries has

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replaced the old "superiority complex" the Zionist settlers used to feel vis-a-vis their "cowardly" Zionist counterparts in the Diaspora.

After some perfunctory indignation, the Israeli government will have to acquiesce in the removal of this low-prestige activity from its sphere of responsibility. While one should not idealize the efficiency of Jewish organizations, few would disagree that the resettlement of Jews in Israel can be better handled by Diaspora volunteers, remote-controlled from New York, Geneva or London than by Israeli public servants.

Improvement in the process of resettlement may occasion a positive response among those Diaspora Jews, including Soviet Jews, who contemplate taking part of the drama of Israel. Such a response is unlikely to ensue in the wake of Dr. Polksky's proposal "to inform Soviet Jews by means of radio broadcasts about all the positive aspects of Israel."

As it is, Russian-language broadcasts of Kol Israel are nauseously treacly in comparison with the same station's programmes in English, French, Spanish and, of course, Hebrew. I often listen to Kol Israel in these five languages, and the Russian-language news and features invariably strike me as audibly biased and propagandistically devised.

In some deep sense, these broadcasts are very Soviet in the way they present and interpret Israeli reality. Any further "Sovietization" of Kol Israel's Russian-language broadcasts would not only do further harm to the professionalism of the journalists engaged in their production but, most importantly, will definitely turn off most Jewish listeners in the Soviet Union who have long since learnt the art of discerning propaganda from fact.

DR. POLSKY is critical of the U.S. government's policy of granting Soviet emigré refugee status which thereby facilitates their entry to the United States. I understand his reaction, however insensitive it appears to me.

But can one dictate to the U.S. how to bend its criteria of immigration and naturalization in order to suit the requirements of an apparently unattractive and, therefore, mildly frustrated society in the

Middle East? North America has been, and remains, a unique bastion of democratic humanitarianism. While Jewish law may compete quite favourably with U.S. or Canadian law in terms of humanitarianism, Israeli law, particularly in the light of its current implementation, is hardly in the same league.

Dr. Polksky's single-minded commitment ("Israel or death") to bolstering the population register of Israel brings to mind the way MK Zevulun Hammer recently characterized the "alleged Jewish underground" as idolatrous in its nationalistic zeal.

One should always remember that Israel is only a means, not the goal of Jewish life. Forcing freedom-loving Soviet Jews to become unwilling citizens of this country, as Dr. Polksky postulates, is definitely more heinous than plotting to blow up buses containing men, women and children, but I would not be surprised if both would evoke approval among the very same people, those who look for strong and simple solutions to infinitely complex and delicate problems.

Dr. Polksky is quite right that a revival of Zionist motivation is an important means of reopening the gates of the Soviet Union for those Jews who wish to leave it. I am not convinced it is the most important one.

Exigencies of great-power politics appear to have been a more effective instrument of reopening the gates, although the two are by no means exclusive.

However, the most important means and objective of keeping Soviet Jews Jewish is the spread of solid Judea education among them. This can be achieved, among other means, through short-wave radio.

I dare say that intelligently produced daily broadcasts on Jewish history, the Torah portion of the week or the *Pirke Avot* may bring here more motivated Soviet Jews than all the simplistic propaganda mustered by the Russian-language editors of Kol Israel.

Reopening the hearts of Soviet Jews to the well-spring of their own history and spirituality is the most certain way of reopening the gates of the country which currently confines them.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### REACHING THE LIMITS

To the Editor of the *Jerusalem Post*: Sir - Jewish terrorist activity, actual and attempted, continues to occupy the attention of the public and the press. On May 17, *The Jerusalem Post* devoted almost all the back page to two articles on this topic.

My colleague Professor Erik Cohen, in his article, "The hazard of occupation," takes to task "the present leadership (of the government) and its political and ideological supporters on the moderate right." Cohen disapproves of the way in which we couch our rejection of terrorist activity: "Rather than being called immoral and criminal, it is condemned as irresponsible." As proof, he correctly cites some passages from my article of May 6, "Road to chaos."

My answer, though twofold, is in fact quite simple: an article does not necessarily consist in the exhaustive marshalling of all available arguments. Without being prompted or prodded, I have already made my position regarding morals and legality quite clear. I did so in an earlier, yet recent paper (*Ma'ariv*, March 18), and one need not always repeat oneself.

More important, less may occasionally be more effective than more: as a jurist and as a teacher, I have often preferred to concentrate on one argument only, which I considered - in the circumstances - to be the most compelling. What is, in a given case, the most compelling argument? The answer to this question will often depend upon the identity of the audience one wishes to influence, one's "target." Had I addressed myself primarily to Professor Cohen and other friends on kofy Mount Scopus, I should have put the emphasis on morality and legality. In fact, my remarks were meant for those connected with terrorist activity, and also for their potential hinterland of sympathizers. This was to be my infinitesimally small contribution to the effort to convince the circles involved that their approach was futile and sterile and could not bear any desirable result. This message had to be loud and clear, standing alone, not disturbed by the background noise of

One on whom I certainly failed to make any impression is Dr. Paul Eidelberg, whose article, "Labour-Likud legacy," I read with growing dismay and consternation. I do not know the gentleman, but style and vocabulary may provide some indication: statements by Mrs. Aloni and Mr. Peres, not condemned by the Likud, "alarm and infuriate thoughtful and patriotic Jews"; "Peres' statement is nothing less than perfidious. Perfidy underlies the Labour-Likud legacy"; "When Labour/Likud governments allow PLO types to become and remain mayors of various towns in Judea and Samaria, and when these Arab notables incite their people to attack Jewish settlers and do so with impunity, one should not be surprised if some public-spirited Jews eventually lose their patience, but not their sense of justice, and blow these Jew-hating mayors up." And so on, and so forth.

It cannot be my intention to accuse Dr. Eidelberg of my wrongdoing. I am not acquainted with him, and for all I know he may be a meek academic who would not harm a fly. But objectively, and maybe unwittingly, he may cause great harm. To thrive, terrorist groups are in need of some public "understanding," aid and comfort. It is the same in many a country. The "public-spirited" Minutemen in the U.S., in the late Sixties, the Red Brigades (Italy), the Red Army (Japan), all had their armchair exegetes and apologists.

It is not for me to say whether, in making these statements, Eidelberg has infringed any law. While I do then not contest his right to voice his opinions, I would wish to observe that any right of his is not matched by a concomitant duty to publish. In accepting his article the editors of *The Jerusalem Post* have shown a great deal of forbearance.

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